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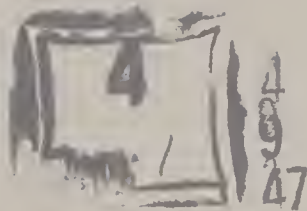
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PUBLIC RESOLUTION NO. 249, SEVENTY-SEVENTH CONGRESS

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Public Resolution Numbered 126 (46 Stat. 1481), approved March 2, 1931 (U. S. C., title 44, sec. 275B), authorizing the printing of the proceedings of the national encampments of certain veterans' organizations in the United States be, and is hereby, amended to read as follows:

"That hereafter the proceedings of the national encampments of the Grand Army of the Republic, the United Spanish War Veterans, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, the American Legion, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, and the Disabled American Veterans of the World War, respectively, shall be printed annually, with accompanying illustrations, as separate House documents of the session of the Congress to which they may be submitted."

Approved, September 18, 1941.

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LETTER OF SUBMITTAL

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
Jamestown, N. Y., December 15, 1946.

To the SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

Pursuant to the provisions of Public Resolution No. 249, Seventy-seventh Congress, approved September 18, 1941, there is transmitted herewith the Journal of the Proceedings of the Eightieth National Encampment, held at Indianapolis, Ind., August 25 to 30, 1946, which is submitted for printing as a House document.

JOHN S. DUMSER,
Adjutant General.

ENCAMPMENT ROLL LIST OF COMMITTEES

MEMBERSHIP OF THE EIGHTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

The total number of names appearing on the roll of the eightieth national encampment, as shown by the following table, is 142. Deducting previously reported, the net voting strength is 83.

National officers, past national officers, and departments	Department officers	Delegates	Past department commanders	Total	Deduct previously reported	Net voting strength
National officers entitled to vote.....				7		7
National council of administration.....				21	2	19
Past commanders in chief.....				4	3	1
Past senior vice commanders in chief.....				4	3	1
Past junior vice commanders in chief.....				5	5	0
Past adjutants general.....				2	1	1
California and Nevada.....	4	1	6	11	2	9
Colorado and Wyoming.....	1	1		2	1	1
Connecticut.....	1	1		2	1	1
Illinois.....	4	1	3	8	5	3
Indiana.....	4	1	2	7	3	4
Iowa.....	4	1	1	6	1	5
Kansas.....	3	1	1	5	2	3
Kentucky.....	3	0	1	4	2	2
Maine.....	1	1	1	3	2	1
Massachusetts.....	1	0	1	2	1	1
Michigan.....	4	1	1	6	2	4
Minnesota.....	3	0	1	4	2	2
Missouri.....	3	0	2	5	3	2
Nebraska.....	2	0	1	3	1	2
New York.....	4	1	2	7	4	3
Ohio.....	2	1	4	7	4	3
Oklahoma.....	2	0	1	3	2	1
Oregon.....	1	0	1	2	1	1
Pennsylvania.....	1	0	0	1	0	1
Washington and Alaska.....	3	0	1	4	2	2
Wisconsin.....	4	1	2	7	4	3
Totals.....	55	12	32	142	59	83

ROLL OF THE EIGHTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., AUGUST 25 TO 30, 1946

NATIONAL OFFICERS

Commander in Chief

HIRAM R. GALE, Seattle, Wash.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief

JOHN H. GRATE, Atwater, Ohio

Junior Vice Commander in Chief

THEODORE A. PENLAND, Portland, Oreg.

Chaplain in Chief

ROBERT M. ROWND, Ripley, N. Y.

Adjutant General

ISAAC W. SHARP, Warsaw, Ind.

Quartermaster General

JOHN C. ADAMS, Jonesboro, Ind.

National Patriotic Instructor

ORLANDO LEVALLEY, Caro, Mich.

National Chief of Staff

JOHN S. DUMSER,¹ Oakland, Calif.

¹ Entitled to vote as past commander in chief.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

California and Nevada : Henry M. Mingay, Glendale, Calif.
Colorado and Nevada : Robert M. Bryan, Boulder, Colo.
Connecticut : Charles Douglass, New Haven, Conn.
Illinois : Hiram H. Shumate,³ Riverton, Ill.
Indiana : John F. Smith, Marion, Ind.
Iowa : John M. Gudgel,⁴ Shenandoah, Iowa.
Kansas : Alonzo McMurphy, Sterling, Kans.
Kentucky : Robert Barrett, Sr., Princeton, Ky.
Maine : George H. Jones,^{2 3} Togus, Maine.
Massachusetts : Charles B. Burt, Springfield, Mass.
Michigan : Orlando H. LeValley,⁵ Caro, Mich.
Minnesota : Albert Woolson,³ Duluth, Minn.
Missouri : William H. Osborn, Joplin, Mo.
Nebraska : R. E. Coleman, Lincoln, Nebr.
New York : James A. Hard, Rochester, N. Y.
Ohio : John R. Bennett, Waynesfield, Ohio.
Oklahoma : Sylvester S. Patterson, Tonkawa, Okla.
Oregon : Theodore A. Penland,⁶ Portland, Oreg.
Pennsylvania : Alfred W. Gabrio,² Hazelton, Pa.
Washington and Alaska : Francis Yeager,² Centralia, Wash.
Wisconsin : L. A. Wilcox, Cadott, Wis.

² Died in office.

³ Member executive committee.

⁴ Past senior vice commander in chief.

⁵ National patriotic instructor.

⁶ Junior vice commander in chief.

PAST NATIONAL OFFICERS

PAST COMMANDERS IN CHIEF

B. F. Stephenson, ² (provisional) (died Aug. 30, 1871) -----	1866
S. A. Hurlbut, ² Illinois (died Mar. 27, 1882) -----	1866-67
John A. Logan, ² Illinois (died Dec. 26, 1886) -----	1868-70
Ambrose E. Burnside, ² Rhode Island (died Sept. 18, 1881) -----	1871-72
Charles Devens, ² Massachusetts (died Jan. 7, 1892) -----	1873-74
John F. Hartranft, ² Pennsylvania (died Oct. 17, 1899) -----	1875-76
John C. Robinson, ² New York (died Feb. 18, 1897) -----	1877-78
William Earnshaw, ² Ohio (died July 17, 1885) -----	1879
Louis Wagner, ² Pennsylvania (died Jan. 15, 1914) -----	1880
George S. Merrill, ² Massachusetts (died Feb. 17, 1900) -----	1881
Paul Van Dervoort, ² Nebraska (died July 29, 1902) -----	1882
Robert B. Beath, ² Pennsylvania (died Nov. 25, 1924) -----	1883
John S. Kountz, ² Ohio (died June 14, 1909) -----	1884
Samuel S. Burdett, ² Potomac (died Sept. 24, 1914) -----	1885
Lucius Fairchild, ² Wisconsin (died May 22, 1896) -----	1886
John P. Rea, ² Minnesota (died May 28, 1900) -----	1887
William Warner, ² Missouri (died Oct. 4, 1916) -----	1888
Russell A. Alger, ² Michigan (died Jan. 24, 1907) -----	1889
Wheelock, G. Veazey, ² Vermont (died Mar. 22, 1898) -----	1890
John Palmer, ² New York (died Apr. 15, 1905) -----	1891
A. G. Weissert, ² Wisconsin (died Apr. 24, 1923) -----	1892
John G. B. Adams, ² Massachusetts (died Oct. 19, 1900) -----	1893
Thomas G. Lawler, ² Illinois (died Feb. 3, 1908) -----	1894
Ivan N. Walker, ² Indiana (died Sept. 22, 1905) -----	1895
T. S. Clarkson, ² Nebraska (died Jan. 16, 1915) -----	1896
John P. S. Gobin, ² Pennsylvania (died May 10, 1910) -----	1897
James A. Sexton, ² Illinois (died in office, Feb. 5, 1899) -----	1898
W. C. Johnson, ² Ohio (died Apr. 27, 1917) -----	1899
Albert D. Shaw, ² New York (died Feb. 10, 1901) -----	1899
Leo Rassieur, ² Missouri (died June 1, 1929) -----	1900
Ell Torrance, ² Minnesota (died Feb. 18, 1932) -----	1901
Thomas J. Stewart, ² Pennsylvania (died Sept. 11, 1917) -----	1902
John C. Black, ² Illinois (died Aug. 17, 1915) -----	1903
Wilmon W. Blackmar, ² Massachusetts (died in office, July 16, 1905) -----	1904
John R. King, ² Maryland (Promoted July 16, 1905; died Mar. 3, 1934) -----	1905
James Tanner, ² New York (died Oct. 2, 1927) -----	1905
Robert B. Brown, ² Ohio (died July 30, 1916) -----	1906
Charles G. Burton, ² Missouri (died Feb. 25, 1926) -----	1907
Henry N. Nevius, ² New Jersey (died Jan. 28, 1911) -----	1908
Samuel R. Van Sant, ² Minnesota (died Oct. 3, 1936) -----	1909
John E. Gilman, ² Massachusetts (died Feb. 20, 1921) -----	1910
Harvey M. Trimble, ² Illinois (died Jan. 10, 1918) -----	1911
Alfred B. Beers, ² Connecticut (died Mar. 31, 1920) -----	1912
Washington Gardner, ² Michigan (died Mar. 31, 1928) -----	1913
David J. Palmer, ² Iowa (died Nov. 5, 1928) -----	1914
Elias A. Monfort, ² Ohio (died July 29, 1920) -----	1915
W. J. Patterson, ² Pennsylvania (died Nov. 6, 1926) -----	1916
Orlando A. Somers, ² Indiana (died June 9, 1921) -----	1917
Clarendon E. Adams, ² Nebraska (died Feb. 23, 1924) -----	1918
James D. Bell, ² New York (died in office, Nov. 1, 1919) -----	1919
Daniel M. Hall, ² Ohio (promoted Nov. 4, 1919, died Oct. 19, 1925) -----	1919
William A. Ketcham, ² Indiana (died Dec. 27, 1921) -----	1920
Lewis S. Pilcher, ² New York (died Dec. 24, 1934) -----	1921

² Deceased.

PAST COMMANDERS IN CHIEF—Continued

James W. Willett, ² Iowa (died May 13, 1940)-----	1922
Gaylord M. Saltzgaber, ² Ohio (died Aug. 25, 1930)-----	1923
Louis F. Arensberg, ² Pennsylvania (died Sept. 20, 1934)-----	1924
John B. Inman, ² Illinois (died Dec. 15, 1929)-----	1925
Frank A. Walsh, ² Wisconsin (died Mar. 5, 1932)-----	1926
Elbridge L. Hawk, ² California and Nevada (died Aug. 13, 1930)-----	1927
John Reese, ² Nebraska (died July 5, 1935)-----	1928
Edwin J. Foster, ² Massachusetts (died Sept. 11, 1939)-----	1929
James E. Jewel, ² Colorado and Wyoming (died Nov. 7, 1939)-----	1930
Samuel P. Town, ² Pennsylvania (died July 9, 1937)-----	1931
William P. Wright, ² (died in office, June 15, 1933)-----	1932
Russell C. Martin, ⁴ Los Angeles, Calif., (promoted June 15, 1933)-----	1933
Russell C. Martin, ⁴ Los Angeles, Calif. (elected Sept. 21, 1933)-----	1933
Alfred E. Stacy, ² New York (died Mar. 9, 1940)-----	1934
Oley Nelson, ² Iowa (died Apr. 15, 1938)-----	1935
C. H. William Ruhe, ² Pennsylvania died (May 20, 1941)-----	1936
Overton H. Mennet, ² California and Nevada (died Jan. 25, 1941)-----	1937
Robert M. Rownd, ³ Ripley, N. Y.-----	1938
John E. Andrew, ² Illinois (died in office, June 30, 1940)-----	1939
A. T. Anderson, ² Pennsylvania (promoted June 30, 1940) (died Sept. 15, 1944)-----	1939
William W. Nixon, ² Kansas (died Mar. 17, 1944)-----	1940
George A. Gay, ² Massachusetts (died Dec. 15, 1944)-----	1941
John S. Dumser, Oakland, Calif.-----	1942
George H. Jones, ⁵ Oxford, Maine-----	1943
Isaac W. Sharp, ⁴ Warsaw, Ind.-----	1944

PAST SENIOR VICE COMMANDERS IN CHIEF

James B. McKean, ² New York (died Jan. 6, 1879)-----	1866-67
Joshua T. Owen, ² Pennsylvania (died Nov. 7, 1887)-----	1868
Lucius Fairchild, ² Wisconsin (died May 23, 1896)-----	1869-70
Louis Wagner, ² Pennsylvania (died Jan. 15, 1914)-----	1871-72
Edward Jardine, ² New York (died Mar. 13, 1896)-----	1874
Joseph S. Reynolds, ² California and Nevada (died Sept. 18, 1911)-----	1875-76
Elisha M. Rhodes, ² Rhode Island (died Jan. 14, 1917)-----	1877
Paul Van Dervoort, ² Nebraska (died July 29, 1902)-----	1878
John Palmer, ² New York (died Apr. 15, 1905)-----	1879
Edgar D. Swain, ² Illinois (died Apr. 28, 1904)-----	1880
Charles L. Young, ² Ohio (died September, 1913)-----	1881
W. E. W. Ross, ² Maryland (died Nov. 14, 1907)-----	1882
William Warner, ² Missouri (died Oct. 4, 1916)-----	1883
John P. Rea, ² Minnesota (died May 28, 1900)-----	1884
Seldon Connor, ² Maine (died July 9, 1917)-----	1885
S. W. Backus, ² California and Nevada (died Apr. 10, 1930)-----	1886
Nelson Cole, ² Missouri (died July 31, 1899)-----	1887
Moses H. Neil, ² Ohio (died Dec. 29, 1929)-----	1888
A. G. Weissert, ² Wisconsin (died Apr. 24, 1923)-----	1889
Richard F. Tobin, ² Massachusetts (died in office, Nov. 22, 1890)-----	1890
George H. Innis, ² Massachusetts (elected Apr. 7, 1891; died Jan. 19, 1907)---	1891
Henry W. Duffield, ² Michigan (died July 13, 1912)-----	1891
R. H. Warfield, ² California and Nevada (died July 19, 1906)-----	1892
Ivan N. Walker, ² Indiana (died Sept. 22, 1905)-----	1893
A. P. Burchfield, ² Pennsylvania (died Jan. 8, 1910)-----	1894
E. H. Hobson, ² Kentucky (died Sept. 13, 1901)-----	1895
John H. Mullen, ² Minnesota (died Apr. 3, 1907)-----	1896
Alfred Lyth, ² New York (died Dec. 15, 1924)-----	1897
W. C. Johnson, ² Ohio (elected commander in chief Sept. 5, 1899; died Apr. 27, 1917)-----	1898
Daniel Ross, ² Delaware (elected Sept. 5, 1899; died Mar. 26, 1916)-----	1899
Irvin Robbins, ² Indiana (died Feb. 9, 1911)-----	1899
Edwin C. Milliken, ² Maine (died Oct. 21, 1921)-----	1900
John McElroy, ² Potomac (died Oct. 12, 1929)-----	1901

² Deceased.³ Chaplain in chief.⁴ Adjutant general.⁵ National council of administration.

PAST SENIOR VICE COMMANDERS IN CHIEF—Continued

William M. Olin, ² Massachusetts (died Apr. 18, 1911)-----	1902.
C. Mason Kinne, ² California and Nevada (died Dec. 25, 1913)-----	1903
John R. King, ² Maryland (commander in chief July 17, 1905; died Mar. 3, 1934)-----	1904
George W. Patten, ² Tennessee (promoted July 17, 1905; died Sept. 19, 1906)-----	1905
George W. Cook, ² Colorado and Wyoming (died Dec. 17, 1916)-----	1905
William A. Armstrong, ² Indiana (died Sept. 28, 1914)-----	1906
Lewis E. Griffith, ² New York (died Oct. 6, 1912)-----	1907
J. Kent Hamilton, ² Ohio (died Dec. 29, 1918)-----	1908
William M. Bostaph, ² California and Nevada (died Apr. 8, 1935)-----	1909
Charles Burrows, ² New Jersey (died Mar. 17, 1935)-----	1910
Nicholas W. Day, ² New York (died Mar. 6, 1916)-----	1911
Henry Z. Osborne, California and Nevada (died March 1923)-----	1912
Thomas H. Soward, ² Oklahoma (died Aug. 12, 1918)-----	1913
Joseph B. Griswold, ² Michigan (died in office, Mar. 9, 1915)-----	1914
William F. Conner, ² Texas (promoted Mar. 10, 1915; died Mar. 1, 1919)-----	1915
George H. Slaybaugh, ² Potomac (died Feb. 9, 1929)-----	1915
William H. Wormstead, ² Massachusetts (died Aug. 16, 1938)-----	1916
John L. Clem, ² Potomac (died May 13, 1937)-----	1917
John G. Chambers, ³ Oregon-----	1918
Charles B. Wilson, ² California and Nevada (died Dec. 1, 1928)-----	1919
George A. Hosley, ² Massachusetts (died May 13, 1930)-----	1920
Robert W. McBride, ² Indiana (died May 15, 1926)-----	1921
C. S. Brodbent, ² Texas (died Apr. 23, 1931)-----	1922
Frank A. Walsh, ² Wisconsin (died Mar. 5, 1932)-----	1923
Wilfred A. Wetherbee, ² Massachusetts (died Nov. 13, 1930)-----	1924
Oscar A. Janes, ² Michigan (died Apr. 26, 1933)-----	1925
A. G. Beatty, ² Iowa (died Nov. 17, 1928)-----	1926
Calvin A. Brainard, ² New York (died Jan. 12, 1936)-----	1927
James E. Jewel, ² Colorado and Wyoming (died Nov. 7, 1939)-----	1928
Charles E. Nason, ² Maine (died Sept. 15, 1932)-----	1929
Jacob Secrest, ² Ohio (died Nov. 26, 1935)-----	1930
Oley Nelson, ² Iowa (died Apr. 15, 1938)-----	1931
Russell C. Martin, ² Los Angeles, Calif. (commander in chief, June 15, 1933)-----	1932
Charles E. Jones, ² Alabama (promoted June 15, 1933; died Dec. 26, 1933)-----	1933
Thomas H. Peacock, ² Minnesota (died in office, Jan. 23, 1934)-----	1933
Edwin H. Lincoln, ² Massachusetts (promoted Jan. 23, 1934; died Oct. 15, 1938)-----	1934
Harding I. Merrill, ² Kansas (died June 22, 1937)-----	1934
A. C. Estabrook, ² Michigan (died Feb. 12, 1941)-----	1935
Henry F. Russell, ² Ohio (died Dec. 3, 1937)-----	1936
Henry Held, ² Wisconsin (died Aug. 6, 1939)-----	1937
Frank L. Quade, ² Iowa (died May 9, 1945)-----	1938
A. T. Anderson, ² Washington, Pa. (commander in chief, June 30, 1940) (died Sept. 15, 1944)-----	1939
William W. Nixon, ² Kansas (promoted June 30, 1940; died Mar. 17, 1944)-----	1940
Thomas Ambrose, Chicago, Ill-----	1940
Thomas Ridenour, ⁷ Crestline, Ohio-----	1941
Isaac W. Sharp, ⁴ Warsaw, Ind-----	1942
Lansing A. Wilcox, ⁵ Cadott, Wis-----	1943
John M. Gudgel, ⁵ Shenandoah, Iowa-----	1944

PAST JUNIOR VICE COMMANDERS IN CHIEF

Robert S. Foster, ² Indiana (died Mar. 3, 1903)-----	1866
Joseph R. Hawley, ² Connecticut (died Mar. 18, 1905)-----	1866-69
Louis Wagner, ² Pennsylvania (died Jan. 15, 1914)-----	1870
James Coey, ² California (died July 14, 1918)-----	1871
J. Warren Keifer, ² Ohio, died Apr. 22, 1933)-----	1871-72
Edgar Ferguson, ² Wisconsin (died Sept. 18, 1901)-----	1873
Guy T. Gould, ² Illinois (died Mar. 4, 1919)-----	1874

² Deceased.³ Honors lost by withdrawal from the order.⁴ Adjutant general.⁵ Past commander in chief.⁷ Surgeon general.

PAST JUNIOR VICE COMMANDERS IN CHIEF—Continued

Charles J. Buckbee, ² Connecticut (died Nov. 5, 1896) -----	1875-76
William Earnshaw, ² Ohio (died July 17, 1885) -----	1877
Herbert E. Hill, ² Massachusetts (died Apr. 8, 1892) -----	1878
Harrison Dingman, ² Potomac (died Sept. 26, 1925) -----	1879
George Bowers, ² New Hampshire (died Feb. 14, 1884) -----	1880
C. V. R. Pond, ² Michigan (died June 9, 1912) -----	1881
I. S. Bangs, ² Maine (died May 30, 1903) -----	1882
Walter H. Holmes, ² California and Nevada (died Mar. 26, 1889) -----	1883
Ira E. Hicks, ² Connecticut (died Mar. 23, 1919) -----	1884
John R. Lewis, ² Georgia (died Feb. 8, 1900) -----	1885
Edgar Allen, ² Virginia (died Oct. 28, 1904) -----	1886
John C. Linehan, ² New Hampshire (died Sept. 19, 1905) -----	1887
Joseph Hadfield, ³ New York -----	1888
John F. Lovett, ² New Jersey (died Mar. 27, 1926) -----	1889
George B. Creamer, ² Maryland (died Sept. 16, 1896) -----	1890
T. S. Clarkson, ² Nebraska (died Jan. 16, 1915) -----	1891
Peter B. Ayars, ² Delaware (died Jan. 19, 1904) -----	1892
J. C. Bigger, ² Texas (died Sept. 24, 1900) -----	1893
Charles H. Shute, ² Louisiana (died Nov. 26, 1907) -----	1894
S. G. Cosgrove, ² Washington and Alaska (died Mar. 28, 1909) -----	1895
Charles W. Buckley, ² Alabama (died Dec. 4, 1906) -----	1896
Francis B. Allen, ² Connecticut (died July 26, 1921) -----	1897
Daniel Ross, ² Delaware (senior vice, Sept. 6, 1899; died Mar. 26, 1916) --	1898
Michael Minton, ² Kentucky (died Oct. 9, 1911) -----	1899
Frank Seaman, ² Tennessee (died Nov. 20, 1910) -----	1900
James O'Donnell, ² Illinois (died Feb. 15, 1910) -----	1901
James P. Averill, ² Georgia (died Oct. 12, 1904) -----	1902
Harry C. Kessler, ² Montana (died Sept. 10, 1907) -----	1903
George N. Patton, ² Tennessee (senior vice, July 17, 1905; died Sept. 19, 1906) -----	1904
Ephraim B. Stillings, ² Massachusetts (elected Sept. 4, 1905; died Dec. 30, 1917) -----	1905
Silas H. Towler, ² Minnesota (died Apr. 23, 1930) -----	1905
E. B. Fenton, ² Michigan (died Nov. 19, 1927) -----	1906
William M. Scott, ² Georgia (died Aug. 29, 1928) -----	1907
Charles C. Royce, ² Potomac (died Feb. 11, 1923) -----	1908
Alfred B. Beers, ² Connecticut (died Mar. 31, 1920) -----	1909
William James, ² Florida (died Dec. 11, 1923) -----	1910
William A. Ogden, ² Kansas (died Oct. 31, 1914) -----	1911
Americus Whedon, ² Kentucky (died Oct. 18, 1921) -----	1912
A. S. Fowler, ² Arkansas (died Oct. 18, 1922) -----	1913
W. F. Conner, ² Texas (senior vice, Mar. 10, 1915; died Mar. 1, 1919) -----	1914
Oscar A. Janes, ² Michigan (elected Apr. 1, 1915; died Apr. 26, 1933) -----	1915
Le Vant Dodge, ² Kentucky (died Mar. 6, 1925) -----	1915
E. K. Russ, ³ Louisiana -----	1916
John M. Vernon, ² Illinois (died Nov. 20, 1921) -----	1917
Charles H. Haber, ² Virginia (died Nov. 30, 1927) -----	1918
Isidore Isaacs, ² New York (died Feb. 18, 1924) -----	1919
J. E. Gandy, ² Washington and Alaska (died June 5, 1934) -----	1920
Henry A. Johnson, ² Potomac (died Dec. 5, 1935) -----	1921
C. V. Gardner, ² South Dakota (died Dec. 15, 1930) -----	1922
George T. Leech, ² Maryland (died Aug. 4, 1940) -----	1923
John Reese, ² Nebraska (died July 5, 1935) -----	1924
William O. Allen, ² New Jersey (died Sept. 22, 1931) -----	1925
Charles H. Haskins, ² California and Nevada (died Oct. 16, 1933) -----	1926
Samuel E. Mahan, ² Minnesota (died Sept. 20, 1940) -----	1927
Henry J. Kearney, ² New York (died Apr. 30, 1933) -----	1928
James W. Shields, ² Idaho (died Dec. 17, 1933) -----	1929
Charles H. Lewis, ² Rhode Island (died May 1938) -----	1930
Russell C. Martin, ² Los Angeles, Calif. (died in office) -----	1931
Charles E. Jones, ² (senior vice, June 15, 1933; died Dec. 26, 1933) -----	1932
Arthur Dawson, ² Illinois (elected Sept. 18, 1933; died Apr. 7, 1940) -----	1933

² Deceased.³ Honors lost by withdrawal from order.

PAST JUNIOR VICE COMMANDERS IN CHIEF—Continued

Edwin H. Lincoln, ² Massachusetts (senior vice, Jan. 23, 1934; died Oct. 15, 1938)-----	1933
John E. Andrew, ² Illinois (elected Apr. 27, 1934; died June 30, 1940)-----	1934
George H. Pounder, ² Wisconsin (died Dec. 10, 1936)-----	1934
Overton H. Mennet, ² California and Nevada (died Jan. 25, 1941)-----	1935
Thomas Ambrose, ⁵ Chicago, Ill-----	1936
Robert M. Rownd, ⁷ Ripley, N. Y-----	1937
John W. Carroll, ² North Dakota (died March 3, 1942)-----	1938
William W. Nixon, ² Kansas (senior vice, June 30, 1940; died Mar. 17, 1944)-----	1939
William H. McCoy, ² New Jersey (elected Sept. 9, 1940; died Nov. 16, 1941)-----	1940
Rustan O. Reed, ² Washington (died Feb. 23, 1942)-----	1940
John S. Dumser, ⁸ Oakland, Calif-----	1941
Charles H. Perry, ² Minnesota (died 1944)-----	1942
Hiram H. Shumate, ¹ Riverton, Ill-----	1943
Hiram R. Gale, Washington and Alaska-----	1944

PAST ADJUTANT GENERAL (LIVING)

Darwin B. Wolcott, Los Angeles, Calif-----	1933
Thomas Ambrose, ⁵ Chicago, Ill-----	1940

¹ Present.² Deceased.³ Honors lost by withdrawal from order.⁵ Past senior vice commander in chief.⁷ Chaplain in chief.⁸ Past commander in chief.

DEPARTMENTS

[The figures within parentheses indicate the number of each department in the order of permanent organization]

CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA (10)

(Organized February 21, 1868. Membership, December 31, 1945, 13. Posts, 8)

Department Commander----- JOHN S. DUMSER,⁷ Oakland.
Senior Vice Department Commander----- CHARLES L. CHAPPEL, Long Beach.
Junior Vice Department Commander----- JOHN W. SMITH, Santa Cruz.
Assistant Adjutant General----- MARCUS E. GETTER, Tujunga.

DELEGATE
 Marcus E. Getter

ALTERNATE
 Oliver M. Haney

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

John E. Miller² (provisional), 1867.
 James Coey,² 1868-69.
 W. L. Campbell,² 1870.
 W. E. McArthur,² 1871-72.
 W. H. Aiken,² 1873-74.
 A. Carlson,² 1875.
 A. C. Bagley,² 1876.
 S. W. Backus,² 1877.
 S. P. Ford,² 1878-79.
 C. Mason Kinne,² 1880-81.
 W. A. Robinson,² 1882.
 J. W. Staples,² 1883.
 James M. Davis,² 1884.
 R. H. Warfield,² 1885.
 W. R. Smedburg,² 1886.
 E. S. Salomon,² 1887.
 T. H. Goodman,² 1888.
 George E. Gard,² 1889.
 A. J. Buckles,² 1890.
 W. H. L. Barnes,² 1891.
 J. B. Fuller,² 1892.
 E. C. Seymour,² 1893.
 J. M. Walling,² 1894.
 C. E. Wilson,² 1895.
 T. C. Masteller,³ 1896.
 N. P. Chipman,² 1897.
 Sol Cahen,² 1898.
 A. F. Dill,² 1899.
 George M. Mott,² 1900.
 George Stone,² 1901.
 W. G. Hawley,² 1902.
 William R. Shafter,² 1903.
 Charles T. Rice,² 1904.
 W. W. Russell,² 1905.
 William C. Alberger,² 1906.
 William G. Waters,² 1907.
 Samuel Merrill,² 1908.
 W. S. Daubenspeck,² 1909.
 E. L. Hawk,² 1910.

H. V. Parker,² 1911.
 W. R. Thomas,² 1912.
 G. M. Stormont,² 1913.
 B. B. Tuttle,² 1914.
 Hiram P. Thompson,² 1915.
 A. E. Leavitt,² 1916.
 C. H. Haskins,² 1917.
 John H. Roberts,² 1918.
 R. C. Martin,² Los Angeles, 1919.
 George D. Kellogg,² 1920 (died in office).
 G. M. Burlingame,² 1920.
 William H. Noll,² 1921.
 S. W. Hopkins,² 1922.
 James R. Milner,² 1923.
 George W. Grannis,² 1924.
 C. S. Stoddard,² 1925.
 Peter H. Mass,² 1926.
 W. A. Packard,² 1927.
 H. H. Woodruff,² 1928.
 Darwin B. Wolcott,⁵ Los Angeles, 1929.
 John C. Chapman,² 1930.
 A. E. Vest,² 1931.
 J. S. Dumser,⁷ Oakland, 1932.
 O. H. Mennet,² 1933.
 Wm. H. Bostaph,² 1934 (died in office).
 George N. Lockwood, Los Angeles, 1935.
 S. R. Yoho,² San Francisco, 1936.
 John W. Grimes,² 1937.
 F. R. Young,² 1938.
 Robert C. Blair,² 1939.
 Calvin H. Blanchard,² Oakland, 1940.
 Elisha Ames,² W. Los Angeles, 1941.
 Oliver H. Castle,² 1942.
 John W. Smith,⁶ Santa Cruz, 1943.
 Henry M. Mingay,⁸ Glendale, Calif., 1944.
 Chas. L. Chappel,¹ Long Beach, 1945.

¹ Present.

² Deceased.

³ Honors lost by withdrawal from the order.

⁴ Past adjutant general.

⁵ National council of administration.

⁷ Past commander in chief.

⁸ Assistant adjutant general.

CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA—Continued

J. Clyde Millar,² 1893, transferred from Alabama.
George Hoxworth,² 1897, transferred from Arizona.
James P. Rhodes,² 1920, transferred from Arizona.
D. P. Kyle,² 1921, transferred from Arizona.
H. F. Wallace,² 1916, transferred from Arkansas.
U. S. Hollister,² 1897, transferred from Colorado and Wyoming.
R. H. Mellette,² 1907, transferred from Colorado and Wyoming.
P. Q. Stoner,² 1913, transferred from Georgia and South Carolina.
Silas Wilson,² 1919, transferred from Idaho.
Joseph S. Reynolds,² 1877, transferred from Illinois.
John J. Steadman,² 1892, transferred from Iowa.
O. H. Coulter, 1899,² transferred from Kansas.
Perry H. Manchester,² 1900, transferred from Montana.
A. V. Cole,² 1885, transferred from Nebraska.
Clarendon E. Adams,² 1895, transferred from Nebraska.
John W. Edwards,² 1902, transferred from New Mexico.
H. B. Steward,² 1910, transferred from New Mexico.
John C. Gipson,² 1902, transferred from New York.
William A. Bentley,² 1891, transferred from North Dakota.
J. P. Cummings,² 1894, transferred from Oklahoma.
James E. Burns,² 1901, transferred from Oklahoma.
W. H. Hornaday,² 1907, transferred from Oklahoma.
W. S. Tilton,² 1920, transferred from Oklahoma.
M. V. Lucas,² 1884-1886, transferred from South Dakota.
E. T. Langley,² 1890, transferred from South Dakota.
Philip Lawrence,² 1900, transferred from South Dakota.
Thomas E. Blanchard,² 1902, transferred from South Dakota.
M. A. Breeden,² 1900, transferred from Utah.
William M. Bostaph,² 1902, transferred from Utah.
Frank M. Davis,² 1904, transferred from Washington and Alaska.
W. H. Wiscombe,² 1910, transferred from Washington and Alaska.
John J. See,² 1917, transferred from Washington and Alaska.
O. D. McDonald,² 1920, transferred from Washington and Alaska.
A. H. DeGroff,² 1901, transferred from Wisconsin.

² Deceased.

COLORADO AND WYOMING (21)

(Organized as the Department of Colorado, in 1868; reorganized in 1876 as Department of the Mountains; name changed to Colorado, July 31, 1882; changed to Colorado and Wyoming, August 28, 1889. Membership, December 31, 1945, 3. Posts, 3)

Department Commander-----ROBERT T. BRYAN,^{3 4} Boulder

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Frederick J. Bancroft, ² 1876.	William H. McDonald, ² 1910.
Andrew W. Taylor, ² 1878-79.	Dexter T. Sapp, ² 1911.
John W. Donnellan, ² 1880-82.	Henry M. Minor, ² 1912.
Eugene K. Stimson, ² 1882-83.	Cyrus A. Brooks, ² 1913.
Byron L. Carr, ² 1884.	O. S. Reed, ² 1914.
Aninman, V. Bohn, ² 1885.	Frank O. Burdick, ² 1915.
Henry Bowman, ² 1886.	James Moynahan, ² 1916.
George Ady, ² 1887.	James H. Comstock, ² 1917.
John W. Browning, ² 1888.	Asa Curl, ² 1918.
Thomas J. Fisher, ² 1889.	Carroll M. Bills, ² 1919.
Delos L. Holden, ² 1890.	Marshall S. Crawford, ² 1920.
George W. Cook, ² 1891.	James E. Jewel, ² 1921.
John C. Kennedy, ² 1892.	Samuel J. Capps, ² 1922 (died in office).
Myron W. Reed, ² 1893.	A. W. Hogle, ² 1923.
Nathaniel Rollins, ² 1894.	William Butler, ² 1923.
Nichols J. O'Brien, ² 1895.	J. C. Plank, ² 1924.
Horace O. Dodge, ² 1896.	J. L. Randall, ² 1925.
U. S. Hollister, ² 1897 (See California and Nevada).	W. M. Robertson, ² 1926.
Wm. T. S. May, ² 1898.	J. E. Laycock, ² 1927.
Andrew Royal, ² 1899.	C. Ricketts, ² 1928.
Harper M. Orahod, ² 1900.	W. E. Moses, ² 1929 (died in office).
Linus E. Sherman, ² 1901.	R. Q. Tenney, ² 1929.
James W. Huff, ² 1902.	David N. Heiser, ² 1930.
Harrison S. Vaughn, ² 1903.	E. C. Condit, ² 1931.
Thomas J. Downen, ² 1904.	Alba J. Rawson, ² 1932-33.
George W. Curfman, ² 1905.	Chas. H. Pridmore, ² 1934.
Loren C. Dana, ² 1906.	Tobias Mattox, ² 1935.
Richard H. Mellette, ² 1907 (see California and Nevada).	R. H. Hoffman, ² 1936.
Henry C. Watson, ² 1908.	Joshua C. Pearce, ² 1937.
John W. Wingate, ² 1909.	Lewis H. Easterly, ² 1938-43 (died in office).
William W. Ferguson, ² 1910 (died in office).	George Metz, ² Fort Collins, 1943-45 (died in office).

² Deceased.

³ Department commander.

⁴ National council of administration.

CONNECTICUT (6)

(Organized April 11, 1867. Membership, December 31, 1945, 2. Posts, 2)

Department commander----- CHARLES DOUGLAS,⁴ New Haven.
Senior vice department commander----- HIRAM DAVIS, Ridgefield.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Edward Harland,² 1867.
 Theodore G. Ellis,² 1868-69.
 William A. Mallory,² 1870-71.
 L. A. Dickinson,² 1872-73.
 Charles S. Buckbee,² 1874-75.
 William E. Disbrow,² 1876-77.
 Frank G. Otis,² 1878.
 Frank E. Fowler,² 1878-79.
 George S. Smith,² 1880.
 Alfred B. Beers,² 1881.
 Ira E. Hicks,² 1882.
 Isaac C. Hyatt,² 1883.
 William Berry,² 1884.
 Frank D. Sloat,² 1885.
 John T. Crary,² 1886.
 Henry E. Taintor,² 1887.
 Samuel B. Horne,² 1888.
 William H. Pierpont,² 1889.
 John C. Broatch,² 1890.
 Henry N. Fanton,² 1891.
 Benajah P. Smith,² 1892.
 Wilbur F. Rogers,² 1893.
 Selah G. Blakeman,² 1894.
 John M. Brewer,² 1895.
 Oscar W. Cornish,² 1896.
 Gustav D. Bates,² 1897.
 William Simonds,² 1898.
 Henry R. Jones,² 1899.
 John K. Bucklyn,² 1900.
 Thomas Boudren,² 1901.
 N. Burton Rogers,² 1902.
 Morgan G. Bulkeley,² 1903.
 William C. Hilliard,² 1904.
 Albert A. May,² 1905.
 Virgil F. McNeil,² 1906.
 Charles A. Appel,² 1907.
 Edward Griswold,² 1908.

George Haven,² 1909.
 Edson S. Bishop,⁵ 1910.
 Richard J. Cutbill,² 1911.
 William H. Dougal,² 1912.
 James R. Sloane,² 1913.
 Fred V. Streeter,² 1914.
 Charles Griswold,² 1915.
 Henry J. Seeley,² 1916.
 Benjamin H. Cheney,² 1917.
 Christian Quien,² 1918.
 George T. Meech,² 1919.
 Randolph Williamson,² 1920.
 Christian Swartz,² 1921.
 Orrin M. Price,² 1922.
 John L. Saxe,² 1923.
 Ira R. Wildman,² 1924.
 James W. Davis,² 1925.
 James R. Young,² 1926.
 Charles M. Shailer,² 1927.
 George A. Tucker,² 1928.
 James Haggerty,² 1929.
 Frank A. Cargill,² 1930.
 Henry W. Burrill,² 1931.
 Lewis L. Baker,² 1932.
 Edward T. Abbott,² 1933.
 Lyman H. Call,² 1934.
 Caspar D. Wallace,² 1935.
 Edward A. Pinkney,² 1936 (died in office).
 Russell Van Deusen,² 1936.
 Charles Douglas,⁴ New Haven, 1937.
 Truman N. Parsons,² 1938.
 Nathan Coe,² 1939-40.
 Truman N. Parsons,² 1941-42 (died in office).
 Charles Douglas,⁴ New Haven, 1943-45.

² Deceased.⁴ National council of administration.⁵ Not a member of the order.

ILLINOIS (1)

(Organized April 6, 1866. Membership, December 31, 1945, 7. Posts, 4)

Department commander----- HIRAM H. SHUMATE,^{1 3 6} Riverton.
Senior vice department commander----- WILLIAM P. LOCKWOOD,³ Kankakee.
Junior vice department commander----- LEWIS FABLINGER, Downers Grove.

DELEGATE

James Gygoin

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

B. F. Stephenson, ² 1866.	A. C. Mathews, ² 1907.
John M. Palmer, ² 1867.	Joseph Rosenbaum, ² 1908.
Thomas S. Osborne, ² 1868-70.	Philip C. Hayes, ² 1909.
Charles E. Lippincott, ² 1871.	James A. Connolly, ² 1910.
Hubert Dilger, ² 1872.	C. C. Duffy, ² 1911.
Guy T. Gould, ² 1873.	Thomas H. Gault, ² 1912.
H. H. Hilliard, ² 1874-76.	J. H. Crowder, ² 1913.
Joseph S. Reynolds, ² 1877 (see California and Nevada).	Samuel Fallows, ² 1914.
T. B. Coulter, ² 1878.	John M. Snyder, ² 1915.
Edgar D. Swain, ² 1878-80.	W. F. Calhoun, ² 1916.
J. W. Burst, ² 1881.	C. S. Bentley, ² 1917.
Thomas G. Lawler, ² 1882.	Joseph W. Fifer, ² 1918.
Samuel A. Harper, ² 1883.	Henry D. Fulton, ² 1919.
L. T. Dickason, ² 1884.	Edwin N. Armstrong, ² 1920.
W. W. Berry, ² 1885.	William P. Wright, ² 1921.
Philip Sidney Post, ² 1886.	E. P. Bartlett, ² 1922 (died in office).
A. C. Sweetser, ² 1887.	J. M. Oulson, ² 1922.
James A. Sexton, ² 1888.	William J. Libberton, ² 1923.
James S. Martin, ² 1889.	Philip Smith, ² 1924.
William L. Distin, ² 1890.	O. R. Kenney, ² 1925.
Horace S. Clark, ² 1891.	John E. Andrew, ² 1926.
Edwin Harlan, ² 1892.	D. H. Harper, ² 1927.
Edwin A. Blodgett, ² 1893.	Charles T. Marsh, ² 1928.
H. H. McDowell, ² 1894.	H. B. Davidson, ² 1929.
William H. Powell, ² 1895.	A. C. Best, ² 1930.
W. G. Cochran, ² 1896.	James H. Campbell, ² 1931.
A. L. Schimpff, ² 1897.	H. C. First, ² 1932 (died in office).
John C. Black, ² 1898.	Wm. O'Callaghan, ² 1932.
John B. Inman, ² 1899.	George A. Robinson, ² 1933.
J. M. Longnecker, ² 1900.	William N. Hodge, ² 1934.
N. B. Thistlewood, ² 1901.	Thomas Ambrose, ⁵ Chicago, 1935.
H. M. Trimble, ² 1902.	William N. Hodge, ² 1936.
Benson Wood, ² 1903.	John E. Andrew, ² 1937-38.
Robert Mann Woods, ² 1904.	Thomas Ambrose, ⁵ Chicago, 1939.
John C. Smith, ² 1905.	Hiram Shumate, ⁶ Riverton, 1940-43.
Edwin H. Buck, ² 1906.	William P. Lockwood, ³ Kankakee, 1944.
	Hiram H. Shumate, ^{1 3 6} Riverton, 1945.
Milton J. Stewart, ² 1885, transferred from Kansas.	
Charles M. Travis, ² 1889, transferred from Indiana.	

¹ Present.² Deceased.³ National council of administration.⁵ Past senior vice commander in chief.⁶ Past junior vice commander in chief.

INDIANA (20)

(Organized August 20, 1866; reorganized October 3, 1879. Membership, December 31, 1945, 7. Posts, 5)

Department commander----- JOHN C. ADAMS,¹ ⁷ Jonesboro.
Senior vice department commander----- FRANK J. BARTON, KNOX.
Junior vice department commander----- W. E. WHITTINGILL, Lebanon.
Assistant adjutant general----- JOHN C. ADAMS, Jonesboro.

DELEGATE

Frank J. Barton, Knox

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Robert S. Foster, ² 1866; 1868.	Alexander P. Asbury, ² 1910.
Nathan Kimball, ² 1867.	Daniel Waugh, ² 1911.
Oliver M. Wilson, ² 1869.	Frank Swigart, ² 1912 (died in office).
Louis Humphrey, ² 1870-71.	Wilbur E. Gorsuch, ² 1912.
Jonathan B. Hagar, ² 1879	Daniel W. Comstock, ² 1913.
Samuel E. Armstrong, ² 1880.	A. B. Crampton, ² 1914.
William W. Dudley, ² 1881.	Lewis King, ² 1915.
James R. Carnahan, ² 1882-83.	V. V. Williams, ² 1916.
Edwin Nicar, ² 1884.	Samuel M. Hench, ² 1917.
David N. Foster, ² 1885.	Alonzo Murphy, ² 1918.
Thomas W. Bennett, ² 1886.	William F. Medsker, ² 1919.
Ira J. Chase, ² 1887.	Robert W. McBride, ² 1920.
Argus D. Vanosdol, ² 1888.	Richard H. Tyner, ² 1921.
Chas. M. Travis, ² 1889 (see Illinois).	William A. Kelsey, ² 1922.
Gil R. Stormont, ² 1890.	Albert J. Ball, ² 1923.
Ivan N. Walker, ² 1891.	F. M. VanPelt, ² 1924.
Joseph B. Cheadle, ² 1892.	David Strouse, ² 1925.
James T. Johnston, ² 1893.	James W. Spain, ² 1926.
Albert O. Marsh, ² 1894.	John H. Hoffman, ² 1927.
Harvey B. Shively, ² 1895.	W. F. Molyneaux, ² 1928.
Henry M. Caylor, ² 1896.	Charles E. Hale, ² 1929.
James S. Dodge, ² 1897.	Isaac B. Austin, ² 1930 (died in office).
Daniel Ryan, ² 1898.	James Kilmartin, ² 1930.
William L. Dunlap, ² 1899.	F. M. McNair, ² 1931.
David E. Beem, ² 1900.	James Bowden, ² 1932.
Milton Garrigus, ² 1901.	Jasper N. Callicott, ² 1933.
Benjamin Starr, ² 1902.	John F. McKinley, ² 1934 (died in office).
George W. Grubbs, ² 1903.	Edward McClelland, ² 1935.
Daniel R. Lucas, ² 1904.	Quincey A. Hunt, ² 1936.
Marine D. Tackett, ² 1905.	John H. Stone, ² 1937-41 (died in office).
Edmund R. Brown, ² 1906.	David S. Moist, ² 1942.
William A. Ketcham, ² 1907.	Isaac W. Sharp, ⁷ Warsaw, 1942-44.
John D. Alexander, ² 1908.	John F. Smith, ⁴ Marion, 1945.
Orlando A. Somers, ² 1909.	

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Dr. Henry C. Rogers,² Rockville

¹ Present.

² Deceased.

⁴ National council of administration.

⁷ Adjutant general.

IOWA (19)

(Organized September 26, 1866 ; reorganized January 23, 1879. Membership, December 31, 1945, 5. Posts, 0)

<i>Department Commander</i> _____	JOHN M. GUDDEL, ^{1 5} Shenandoah.
<i>Senior vice department commander</i> _____	John P. MARTIN, Sutherland.
<i>Junior vice department commander</i> _____	ROBERT A. MILLEN, ³ Melcher.
<i>Assistant adjutant general</i> _____	ROBERT A. MILLEN, Melcher.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

J. C. Parrott, ² 1874-75.	J. W. Willett, ² 1913.
A. A. Perkins, ² 1876-78.	Byron C. Ward, ² 1914.
H. E. Griswold, ² 1879.	John F. Merry, ² 1915.
W. F. Conrad, ² 1880.	John H. Mills, ² 1916.
Peter V. Carey, ² 1881.	J. L. Farrington, ² 1917.
George B. Hugin, ² 1882.	E. J. C. Bealer, ² 1918.
John B. Cook, ² 1883.	A. G. Beatty, ² 1919.
E. G. Miller, ² 1884.	R. L. Chase, ² 1920.
W. R. Manning, ² 1885.	J. B. Harsh, ² 1921.
W. A. McHenry, ² 1886.	L. J. Kron, ² 1922.
J. M. Tuttle, ² 1887.	W. W. Gist, ² 1923 (died in office).
E. A. Consigny, ² 1888.	W. S. Freeman, ² 1923.
Charles H. Smith, ² 1889.	W. H. Needham, ² 1924 (died in office).
Mason P. Mills, ² 1890.	D. B. Cowles, ² 1924 (died in office).
Charles L. Davidson, ² 1891.	Orlando S. Hartman, ² 1924.
J. J. Steadman, ² 1892 (see California and Nevada).	Frank Dagle, ² 1925.
Phil. Schaller, ² 1893.	E. J. Stonebraker, ² 1926.
George A. Newman, ² 1894.	Oley Nelson, ² 1927.
J. K. P. Thompson, ² 1895.	J. W. Stratton, ² 1928.
Josiah Given, ² 1896.	John K. Ewing, ² 1929 (died in office).
A. H. Evans, ² 1897.	Joseph Pratt, ² 1930.
R. W. Tirrell, ² 1898.	Watson Riden, ² 1930.
C. F. Bailey, ² 1899.	John T. Lucas, ² 1931.
M. B. Davis, ² 1900.	T. J. Noll, ² 1932.
George Metzger, ² 1901.	Frank L. Quade, ² 1933.
John Lindt, ² 1902.	L. J. Leech, ² 1934.
L. B. Raymond, ² 1903.	Horace B. Kelly, ² 1935 (died in office).
R. T. St. John, ² 1904.	J. C. Hanes, ² 1935.
S. H. Harper, ² 1905.	John P. Risley, ² 1936-37 (died in office).
C. A. Clark, ² 1906.	Michael Hawk, ² 1938.
D. J. Palmer, ² 1907.	James W. Willett, ² 1939 (died in office).
J. C. Milliman, ² 1908.	Jacob J. Neuman, ² 1940.
M. McDonald, ² 1909.	Elliott P. Taylor, ² 1941.
H. A. Dyer, ² 1910.	John M. Gudget, ⁵ Shenandoah, 1942.
Lot Abraham, ² 1911.	David S. Sisk, ² Marshalltown, 1943.
J. D. Brown, ² 1912.	John M. Gudgel, ^{4 5} Shenandoah, 1944-45.

¹ Present.² Deceased.³ Assistant adjutant general.⁴ National council of administration.⁵ Past senior vice commander in chief.

KANSAS (22)

(Organized December 7, 1866; reorganized March 16, 1880. Membership, December 31, 1945, 3. Posts, 0)

Department commander----- ALONZO McMURPHY,⁴ Sterling.
Senior vice department commander----- CHARLES WINGROVE, Wichita.
Junior vice department commander----- JACOB LOTT, McPherson.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

John A. Martin, ² 1866-67.	J. N. Harrison, ² 1912-13.
John Carpenter, ² 1868.	Ira D. Brougher, ² 1914.
W. S. Jenkins, ² 1872 (see Missouri).	C. A. Meek, ² 1915.
Stephen A. Cobb, ² 1873.	R. M. Painter, ² 1916.
John Guthrie, ² 1876.	A. C. Pierce, ² 1917.
J. H. Gilpatrick, ² 1877-78.	W. W. Smith, ² 1918.
J. C. Walkinshaw, ² 1879-82.	Theodore Gardner, ² 1919.
Thomas J. Anderson, ² 1883.	Joseph A. Walter, ² 1920.
Homer W. Pond, ² 1884.	George P. Washburn, ² 1921 (died in office).
Milton J. Stewart, ² 1885 (see Illinois).	E. W. Bowman, ² 1921.
C. J. McDivett, ² 1886.	William W. Dennison, ² 1922.
T. H. Soward, ² 1887 (see Oklahoma).	William H. Mitchell, ² 1923.
J. W. Feighan, ² 1888.	Andrew Graff, ² 1924.
Henry Booth, ² 1889.	Fred Jackson, ² 1925.
Ira A. Collins, ² 1890.	Samuel Baughman, ² 1926 (see Florida).
Timothy McCarthy, ² 1891.	R. H. McWhorter, ² 1927.
A. R. Green, ² 1892.	H. I. Merrill, ² 1928.
Bernard Kelly, ² 1893.	J. W. Priddy, ² 1929.
W. P. Campbell, ² 1894.	C. K. King, ² 1930.
John P. Harris, ² 1895.	E. W. Phillips, ² 1931.
W. C. Whitney, ² 1896.	J. H. Harvey, ² 1932 (died in office).
Theo. Botkin, ² 1897.	Grear Nagel, ² 1932 (died in office).
D. W. Eastman, ² 1898 (see Oklahoma).	H. W. Wardell, ² 1932.
O. H. Coulter, ² 1899 (see California and Nevada).	W. B. Rhodes, ² 1933.
W. W. Martin, ² 1900.	W. W. Nixon, ² 1934.
J. B. Remington, ² 1901.	A. O. Gere, ² 1935.
H. C. Loomis, ² 1902.	J. H. Getty, ² 1936.
Abraham W. Smith, ² 1903.	Henry Keller, ² 1937.
Charles Harris, ² 1904.	Philip Weinrich, ² 1938.
P. H. Coney, ² 1905-06.	T. B. Williams, ² 1939.
R. A. Campbell, ² 1907.	J. W. Malloy, ² 1940.
W. A. Morgan, ² 1908.	George Schreiner, ² 1941.
Joel H. Rickel, ² 1909.	J. P. Fair, ² 1942.
Nathan E. Harmon, ² 1910.	William W. Nixon, ² 1943.
T. P. Anderson, ² 1911.	Alonzo McMurphy, ⁴ Sterling, 1944-45.

² Deceased.

⁴ National council of administration.

KENTUCKY (27)

(Organized January 16, 1883. Membership, December 31, 1945, 3. Posts, 0)

Department commander----- ROBERT BARRETT,⁴ Princeton.
Senior vice department commander----- ROBERT ALSIP, Corbin.
Junior vice department commander----- JOHN HENDRICKS, Hopkinsville.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

J. C. Michie, ² 1883.	R. B. Hewetson, ² 1909.
W. H. Harton, ² 1884.	Sanford D. Van Pelt, ² 1910.
George W. Northup, ² 1885.	Charles C. Degman, ² 1911.
T. Z. Morrow, 1886.	John Barr, ² 1912.
William Bowman, ² 1887.	W. J. L. Hughes, ² 1913.
Orrin A. Reynolds, ² 1888.	Edward Farley, ² 1914.
Vincent Boreing, ² 1889.	John T. Gunn, ² 1915.
Michael Minton, ² 1890.	Sam D. Brown, ² 1916.
Samuel G. Hills, ² 1891.	J. R. Howard, ² 1917.
Edward H. Hobson, ² 1892.	T. A. Casey, ² 1918.
T. Edward Livezey, ² 1893.	Andrew Offut, ² 1919.
Daniel O'Riley, ² 1894.	M. H. Davidson, ² 1920.
Robert M. Kelly, ² 1895.	Jacob Seibert, ² 1921.
Americus Whedon, ² 1896.	John T. English, ² 1922.
Andrew J. Tharp, ² 1897.	E. F. Tucker, ² 1923.
J. W. Hammond, ² 1898.	C. C. Furr, ² 1924.
Joseph H. Browning, ² 1899.	J. D. Compton, ² 1925.
L. M. Drye, ² 1900.	Albert Scott, ² 1926 (died in office).
John Blaes, ² 1901.	Cyrus Edwards, ² 1926-28.
T. F. Beyland, ² 1902.	John T. Thompson, ² 1929.
W. G. Force, ² 1903.	Robert T. Smith, ² 1930-33.
William T. Bausmith, ² 1904.	Charles L. Dudley, ² 1934-36.
Bernard Matthews, ² 1905.	R. R. Graham, ² 1937-43 (died in office).
George Grimstead, ² 1906.	Robert Barrett, Sr., ⁴ Princeton, 1943-45.
Le Vant Dodge, ² 1907-08.	

² Deceased.⁴ National council of administration.

MAINE (9)

(Organized January 10, 1868. Membership, December 31, 1945, 4. Posts, 4)

Department commander----- GEORGE H. JONES,^{2 4} Togus.
Senior vice department commander-----
Junior vice department commander-----
Assistant adjutant general----- GEORGE H. JONES,⁴ Togus.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

George L. Beal, ² 1868-69.	Woodbury K. Dana, ² 1908.
Charles P. Mattocks, ² 1870-71.	Augustus W. McCausland, ² 1909.
Daniel White, ² 1872-73.	John W. Webster, ² 1910.
Selden Connor, ² 1874-75.	Edwin Riley, ² 1911.
Nelson Howard, ² 1876.	William H. Holston, ² 1912.
John D. Myrick, ² 1877.	John F. Lamb, ² 1913.
Augustus C. Hamlin, ² 1878.	Thomas S. Benson, ² 1914.
Windsor B. Smith, ² 1879.	Simon S. Andrews, ² 1915.
Isaac S. Bangs, ² 1880.	Tobias L. Eastman, ² 1916.
William G. Haskell, ² 1881.	John Quincy Adams, ² 1917.
Augustus B. Farnham, ² 1882.	Fred A. Motley, ² 1918.
Elisha M. Shaw, ² 1883.	George W. Goulding, ² 1919.
Benjamin Williams, ² 1884.	Henry E. Merriam, ² 1920.
James A. Hall, ² 1885.	Edward A. Butler, ² 1921.
Samuel W. Lane, ² 1886.	George A. Gay, ² 1922.
Richard K. Gatley, ² 1887.	Ezekiel H. Hanson, ² 1923.
Horace H. Burbank, ² 1888.	Charles E. Nason, ² 1924.
Franklin M. Drew, ² 1889.	Albert R. Hill, ² 1925.
John D. Anderson, ² 1890.	Nathaniel W. White, ² 1926.
Samuel L. Miller, ² 1891.	Nahum H. Pillsbury, ² 1927.
Isaac Dyer, ² 1892.	Nelson R. Brown, ² 1928.
Wainwright Cushing, ² 1893.	Samuel F. Emerson, ² 1929.
J. Wesley Gilman, ² 1894.	F. S. Philbrick, ² 1930.
William H. Green, ² 1895.	Simon C. Hastings, ² 1931.
Lorenzo J. Carver, ² 1896.	John W. Fogler, ² 1932.
Leroy T. Carleton, ² 1897.	George T. Benson, ² 1933.
Charles A. Southard, ² 1898.	John B. Sawtelle, ² 1934.
Frederick Robie, ² 1899.	Joseph W. Lake, ² 1935.
Seth T. Snipe, ² 1900.	Charles F. Tibbetts, ² 1936.
William Z. Clayton, ² 1901.	Oliver N. Leavitt, ² 1937.
James L. Merrick, ² 1902.	John W. Palmer, ² 1938.
Joshua L. Chamberlain, ² 1903.	Frank J. Savage, ² 1939.
Edwin C. Milliken, ² 1904.	George H. Jones, ² Oxford, 1940.
Henry O. Perry, ² 1905.	John W. Palmer, ² 1941.
Frederick S. Walls, ² 1906.	Otis L. Coffin, ² 1942.
Frank F. Goss, ² 1907.	George F. Stuart, ² Freeport, 1943-45.

² Deceased.⁴ National Council of Administration.

MASSACHUSETTS (7)

(Organized May 7, 1867. Membership, December 31, 1945, 1. Posts, 0)

Department commander----- CHARLES B. BURT,⁴ Springfield.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Austin S. Cushman,² 1866-67.
 A. B. R. Sprague,² 1868.
 Francis A. Osborn,² 1869.
 James L. Bates,² 1870.
 William Cogswell,² 1871.
 Henry R. Sibley,³ 1872.
 Adin B. Underwood,² 1873.
 John W. Kimball,² 1874.
 George S. Merrill,² 1875.
 Horace B. Sargent,² 1876-78.
 John G. B. Adams,² 1879.
 John A. Hawes,² 1880.
 George W. Creasey,² 1881.
 George H. Patch,² 1882.
 George S. Evans,² 1883.
 John D. Billings,² 1884.
 John W. Hersey,² 1885.
 Richard F. Tobin,² 1886.
 Charles D. Nash,² 1887.
 Myron P. Walker,² 1888.
 George L. Goodale,² 1889.
 George H. Innis,² 1890.
 Arthur A. Smith,² 1891.
 James K. Churchill,² 1892.
 Eli W. Hall,² 1893.
 Wilfred A. Wetherbee,² 1894.
 Joseph W. Thayer,² 1895.
 William P. Derby,² 1896.
 John M. Deane,² 1897.
 William H. Bartlett,² 1898.
 John E. Gilman,² 1899.
 Peter D. Smith,² 1900.
 Silas A. Barton,² 1901.
 W. W. Blackmar,² 1902.
 Dwight O. Judd,² 1903.
 Lucius Field,² 1904.
 James H. Wolff,² 1905.
 J. Payson Bradley,² 1906.
 Daniel H. L. Gleason,² 1907.

Alfred S. Roe,² 1908.
 John L. Parker,² 1909.
 J. Willard Brown,² 1910 (died in office).
 Granville C. Fiske,² 1910-11.
 George A. Hosley,² 1912.
 Thomas J. Ames,² 1913.
 John M. Woods,² 1914.
 Alfred H. Knowles,² 1915.
 Francis E. Mole,² 1916.
 Daniel E. Denny,² 1917.
 Edwin P. Stanley,² 1918.
 George W. Wilder,² 1919.
 Horace Goodwin,² 1920.
 Edwin F. Morrill,² 1921.
 Henry Clark,² 1922.
 George W. Pratt,² 1923.
 Benjamin A. Ham,² 1924.
 William L. Gage,² 1925 (died in office).
 Henry H. Comey,² 1925.
 William F. Brown,² 1926 (died in office).
 Henry A. Monk,² 1927.
 Edwin J. Foster,² 1928.
 James H. Webb,² 1929.
 Alvin C. Howes,² 1930 (died in office).
 Waldo Turner,² 1930-31.
 Edwin H. Lincoln,² 1932.
 Frederick H. Bishop,² 1933.
 George A. Gay,² Nashua, 1934.
 George W. Green,² 1935.
 Chas. L. Robinson,² 1936.
 John E. Bronson,² 1937.
 Joseph F. Stoddard,² 1938.
 Charles E. Miles,² 1939.
 Dudley L. Page,² 1940.
 Samuel Snow,² 1941 (died in office).
 George N. Alden,² 1942.
 Charles F. Staples,² 1943-44 (died in office).
 Charles B. Burt,⁴ Springfield, 1944-45.

² Deceased.³ Honors lost by withdrawal from the Order.⁴ National Council of Administration.

MICHIGAN (18)

(Organized May 6, 1868 ; reorganized January 22, 1879. Membership, 7. Posts, 4)

<i>Department commander</i> -----	ORLANDO LE VALLEY, ⁶ Caro.
<i>Senior vice department commander</i> -----	CYRUS PERRIGO, Vassar.
<i>Junior vice department commander</i> -----	MARTIN A. LOOP, Adrian.
<i>Assistant adjutant general</i> -----	OSCAR MOTT, ⁵ Benton Harbor.

DELEGATE
Martin A. Loop

ALTERNATE
Oscar Mott

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

R. A. Alger, ² (provisional), 1867.	George W. Stone, ² 1911.
William A. Throop, ² 1868.	John T. Spillane, ² 1912.
William Humphrey, ² 1869-70.	Frank R. Chase, ² 1913.
C. V. R. Pond, ² 1878-79.	Riley L. Jones, ² 1914.
A. T. McReynolds, ² 1880.	Henry C. Rankin, ² 1915 (died in office).
Byron R. Pierce, ² 1881-82.	Eli Strong, ² 1915.
Oscar A. Janes, ² 1883.	L. H. Ives, ² 1916.
Rush J. Shank, ² 1884.	William O. Lee, ² 1917.
Charles D. Long, ² 1885.	David S. Howard, ² 1918.
John Northwood, ² 1886.	Edwin F. Lamb, ² 1919.
L. G. Rutherford, ² 1887.	Henry Spaulding, ² 1920.
Washington Gardner, ² 1888.	J. J. Holmes, ² 1921.
Michael Brown, 1889. ² (See Montana.)	William Mears, ² 1922.
Henry M. Duffield, ² 1890.	Lyman A. L. Gilbert, ² 1923.
Charles L. Eaton, ² 1891.	Marvin C. Barney, ² 1924.
Henry S. Dean, ² 1892.	John Steel, ² 1925.
James H. Kidd, ² 1893.	James R. Stephenson, ² 1926.
Louis Kanitz, ² 1894.	Charles A. Bartlett, ² 1927.
S. B. Daboll, ² 1895.	A. C. Estabrook, ² 1928-30.
William Shakespeare, ² 1896.	Orestus Blake, ² 1931-32.
Aaron T. Bliss, ² 1897.	C. M. Cook, ² 1933 (died in office).
Alex Patrick, ² 1898.	John Killeen, ² 1933.
Russell R. Pealer, ² 1899.	Frank D. Keeler, ² 1934.
Ethel M. Allen, ² 1900.	Ira M. Stewart, ² 1935-36.
James Van Kleeck, ² 1901.	S. H. Carlton, ² 1937.
Edward C. Anthony, ² 1902.	A. C. Estabrook, ² 1938.
D. B. K. Van Raalte, ² 1903.	A. F. Chappelle, ² 1939.
George H. Hopkins, ² 1904.	A. C. Estabrook, ² 1940 (died in office).
E. C. Cannon, ² 1905.	Martin J. Warner, ² 1940.
Joseph P. Griswold, ² 1906.	John M. Park, ² 1941.
William Jibb, ² 1907.	Orlando Le Valley, ⁴ Caro, 1942.
Charles E. Foote, ² 1908 (died in office).	William H. Ferguson, ² 1943.
George L. Holmes, ² 1908.	Ralph R. Towner, ² Allegan, 1944.
James M. Greenfield, ² 1909.	Orlando LeValley, ⁶ 1945.
Samuel J. Lawrence, ² 1910.	

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Martin A. Loop, Adrian, 1942

² Deceased.⁴ National council of administration.⁵ Assistant adjutant general.⁶ National patriotic instructor.

MINNESOTA (24)

(Organized August 14, 1867; reorganized August 17, 1881. Membership, December 31, 1945, 3. Post, 1)

Department commander ----- ALBERT WOOLSON,⁴ Duluth.
Senior vice department commander----- ANSON B. BAKER, Minneapolis.
Junior vice department commander----- REUBEN S. HURD, Worthington.
Assistant adjutant general----- ANSON B. BAKER,³ Minneapolis.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Henry G. Hicks, ² 1868.	William P. Roberts, ² 1912.
Henry A. Castle, ² 1872-74.	Charles H. Taylor, ² 1913.
George H. Johnson, ² 1876.	Charles H. Hopkins, ² 1914.
Adam Marty, ² 1881-82.	Watson W. Hall, ² 1915.
John P. Rea, ² 1883.	Charles Van Campen, ² 1916.
E. B. Rabb, ² 1884.	Silas H. Towler, ² 1917.
R. A. Becker, ² 1885.	Edwin F. Kenrick, ² 1918.
William Thomas, ² 1886.	J. D. Budd, ² 1919.
L. L. Wheelock, ² 1887.	J. A. Town, ² 1920.
James H. Ege, ² 1888.	S. W. Powell, ² 1921.
Alphonse Barto, ² 1889.	E. Z. Rasey, ² 1922.
James Compton, ² 1890.	W. H. Harrison, ² 1923.
Charles D. Parker, ² 1891.	S. E. Mahan, ² 1924.
L. M. Lange, ² 1892.	W. T. Scram, ² 1925.
John Day Smith, ² 1893.	P. G. Gorman, ² 1926.
Samuel R. Van Sant, ² 1894.	Jacob Zuber, ² 1927.
Ell Torrance, ² 1895.	T. P. Garrett, ² 1928.
J. J. McCardy, ² 1896.	T. H. Peacock, ² 1929.
E. B. Wood, ² 1897.	W. H. Palmer, ² 1930.
E. W. Mortimer, ² 1898.	W. L. Hilliard, ² 1931.
D. B. Searle, ² 1899.	C. M. Peet, ² 1932.
Gideon S. Ives, ² 1900.	Omar H. Case, ² 1933.
William H. Harries, ² 1901.	Charles H. Cotton, ² 1934.
Perry Starkweather, ² 1902.	M. Mullen, ² 1935.
Isaac L. Mahan, ² 1903.	W. W. Holcomb, ² 1936.
Harrison White, ² 1904.	Freman A. Caswell, ² 1937 (died in of- fice).
C. F. MacDonald, ² 1905.	L. E. Carpenter, ² 1937-38.
Levi Longfellow, ² 1906.	C. H. Perry, ² 1939-40.
George A. Whitney, ² 1907.	O. S. Pierce, ⁵ Minneapolis, 1941.
Marcus W. Bates, ² 1908.	Louis E. Quint, ² 1942.
Loren W. Collins, ² 1909.	Albert Woolson, Duluth, ⁴ 1943-45.
Philip G. Woodward, ² 1910.	
J. A. Everett, ² 1911.	

S. F. Hammond,² 1888, transferred from South Dakota.

J. B. Hoit,² 1892, transferred from South Dakota.

² Deceased.

³ Assistant adjutant general.

⁴ National council of administration.

⁵ Under suspension.

MISSOURI (25)

(Organized May 16, 1867 ; reorganized April 22, 1882. Membership, December 31, 1945, 3.
Posts, 3)

Department commander----- WILLIAM H. OSBORN,^{1 4} Joplin.
Senior vice department commander----- WILLIAM KOWAZEK, Hawk Point.
Junior vice department commander----- ROBERT C. ELDER, Nevada, Mo.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

William Warner, ² 1882-83.	Arthur Dreifus, ² 1913.
W. F. Chamberlain, ² 1884.	William Lowe, ² 1914.
Nelson Cole, ² 1885-86.	James B. Dobyne, ² 1915.
E. E. Kimball, ² 1887.	Alex McCandless, ² 1916.
Hiram Smith, Jr., ² 1888.	Thomas W. Evans, ² 1917.
John E. Phelps, ² 1889 (see Washington and Alaska).	Phil F. Coghlan, ² 1918.
Leo Rassieur, ² 1890.	W. C. Calland, ² 1919.
George W. Martin, ² 1891.	Samuel D. Webster, ² 1920.
C. W. Whitehead, ² 1892.	A. J. P. Barnes, ² 1921.
Charles G. Burton, ² 1893.	James H. Hunter, ² 1922.
Louis Grund, ² 1894.	Samuel M. Mann, ² 1923.
Louis Benecke, ² 1895.	Alfred Zartman, ² 1924.
Thomas B. Rodgers, ² 1896.	Charles Koock, ² 1925.
John B. Platt, ² 1897.	John W. Lanley, ² 1926.
A. G. Peterson, ² 1898.	D. H. Baldrige, ² 1927.
John W. Scott, ² 1899.	John Ferguson, ² 1928.
Wilbur F. Henry, ² 1900.	Chas. H. Mitchell, ² 1929.
George Hall, ² 1901.	C. P. Woodruff, ² 1930.
Ira T. Bronson, ² 1902.	P. L. Swartz, ² 1931.
F. M. Sterrett, ² 1903 (see Ohio).	A. M. Reynolds, ² 1932.
Jere T. Dew, ² 1904.	R. B. Tyler, ² 1933.
Henry Fairback, ² 1905.	Smith George, ² 1934.
John M. Williams, ² 1906.	Perry Martin, ² 1935.
Thomas D. Kimball, ² 1907.	Jno. Hollingsworth, ² 1936.
J. V. Martin, ² 1908.	William Kowazek, Hawk Point, 1937.
W. H. Skinner, ² 1909.	A. J. P. Barnes, ² 1938.
Robert N. Denham, ² 1910.	Stephen Thomas, ² 1939.
Benjamin Warner, ² 1911.	R. B. Tyler, ² 1940 (died in office).
Charles W. Ruby, ² 1912.	Jno. Hollingsworth, ² 1941.
	William H. Osborn, ⁴ Joplin, 1942-45.

¹ Present.

² Deceased.

⁴ National council of administration.

NEBRASKA (17)

(Organized June 11, 1877. Membership, December 31, 1945, 3. Posts, 3)

Department commander----- R. E. COLEMAN, Lincoln.*Senior vice department commander*----- MICHAEL BONDOLL, Beatrice.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Paul Van Devoort, ² 1877.	A. M. Trimble, ² 1911.
R. H. Wilbur, ² 1878.	M. V. King, ² 1912.
James W. Savage, ² 1879-80.	John A. Dempster, ² 1913.
S. J. Alexander, ² 1881-82.	O. H. Durand, ² 1914.
John C. Bonnell, ² 1883.	George C. Humphrey, ² 1915.
Henry E. Palmer, ² 1884.	W. H. Stewart, ² 1916.
A. V. Cole, ² 1885 (see California and Nevada).	Wilson E. Majors, ² 1917.
John M. Thayer, ² 1886.	J. S. Hoagland, ² 1918.
H. C. Russell, ² 1887.	J. B. Strode, ² 1919.
W. C. Henry, ² 1888.	Joseph H. Presson, ² 1920.
J. B. Davis, ² 1889 (died in office).	W. J. Blystone, ² 1921.
S. H. Morrison, ² 1889.	John S. Davisson, ² 1922.
T. S. Clarkson, ² 1890.	O. C. Bell, ² 1923.
Joseph Teeter, ² 1891.	S. F. Sanders, ² 1924.
C. J. Dilworth, ² 1892.	E. F. Brown, ² 1925.
A. H. Church, ² 1893.	J. O. Moore, ² 1926.
Church Howe, ² 1894.	David Bryson, ² 1927.
Clarendon E. Adams, ² 1895 (see California and Nevada).	H. V. Hoagland, ² 1928.
J. H. Culver, ² 1896.	Thomas J. Smith, ² 1929.
John A. Ehrhardt, ² 1897.	F. A. Damewood, ² 1930.
Thomas J. Majors, ² 1898.	L. F. Ruppel, ² 1931 (died in office).
John E. Evans, ² 1899.	John H. Berger, ² 1931.
John Reese, ² 1900.	C. P. Lomax, ² 1932.
R. S. Wilcox, ² 1901.	I. D. Evans, ² 1933.
C. F. Steele, ² 1902.	George Johnson, ² 1934.
Lee Estelle, ² 1903.	C. H. Kinney, ² 1935.
Harmon Bross, ² 1904.	A. F. Rexroad, ² 1936.
John Lett, ² 1905.	John Seberg, ² 1937.
John R. Maxson, ² 1906.	R. E. Coleman, ⁴ Lincoln, 1938.
Thomas Creigh, ² 1907.	H. S. Woodworth, ² 1939.
Eli A. Barnes, ² 1908.	John S. Davisson, ² 1940 (died in office).
L. D. Richards, ² 1909.	Alfred Hendee, ⁵ Panama, 1941.
John F. Diener, ² 1910.	J. H. Allbee, ² 1942.
	R. E. Coleman, ⁴ Lincoln 1943-45.

Griff J. Thomas,² 1879-1881, transferred from Wisconsin.² Deceased.⁴ National council of administration.⁵ Senior vice department commander.

NEW YORK (5)

(Organized April 3, 1867. Membership, December 31, 1945, 4. Posts, 4)

Department commander----- JAMES A. HARD, Rochester.
 Senior vice department commander----- JOSEPH CHISAM, Rome.
 Junior vice department commander----- JACOB LESTER, Binghamton.
 Assistant adjutant general----- ROBERT M. ROWND,³ Ripley.

DELEGATE

Joseph Chisam, Rome

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

James B. McKean,² 1866-67.
 Daniel E. Sickles,² 1868-69.
 Edwin B. Lansing,² 1869.
 John C. Robinson,² 1870.
 Henry A. Barnum,² 1871-72.
 Stephen P. Corliss,² 1873.
 Edward Jardine,² 1874.
 John Palmer,² 1875.
 James Tanner,² 1876-77.
 William F. Rogers,² 1878.
 James McQuade,² 1879.
 L. Coe Young,² 1880.
 Abram Merritt,² 1881.
 James S. Fraser,² 1882.
 John A. Reynolds,² 1883.
 Ira M. Hedges,² 1884.
 H. Clay Hall,² 1885.
 Joseph I. Sayles,² 1886.
 George H. Treadwell,² 1887.
 N. Martin Curtis,² 1888.
 Harrison Clark,² 1889.
 Floyd Clarkson,² 1890.
 Charles H. Freeman,² 1891.
 Theodore L. Poole,² 1892.
 Joseph P. Cleary,² 1893.
 John C. Shotts,² 1894.
 Edward J. Atkinson,² 1895.
 James S. Graham,² 1896.
 Albert D. Shaw,² 1897.
 Anson S. Wood,² 1898.
 Joseph W. Kay,² 1899.
 N. P. Pond,² 1900.
 Charles A. Orr,² 1901.
 Allan C. Bakewell,² 1902.
 John S. Foster,² 1903.
 Henry N. Burhans,² 1904.
 James N. Snyder,² 1905.
 John S. Maxwell,² 1906.
 Harlan J. Swift,² 1907.
 William H. Daniels,² 1908.
 M. J. Cummings,² 1909.
 DeWitt C. Hurd,² 1910.

George B. Loud,² 1911.
 Oscar Smith,² 1912.
 Samuel C. Pierce,² 1913.
 James D. Bell,² 1914.
 Zan L. Tidball,² 1915.
 Solomon W. Russell,² 1916.
 William F. Kirchner,² 1917.
 Lewis S. Pilcher,² 1918.
 Joseph E. Ewell,² 1919.
 Alfred E. Stacey,² 1920.
 Isadore Isaacs,² 1921.
 Calvin A. Brainard,² 1922.
 Thomas J. McConekey,² 1923.
 Henry L. Keene,² 1924.
 Duncan J. McMillan,² 1925.
 John Van Duyn,² 1926.
 George W. Flynn,² 1927 (died in office).
 William M. Chatham,² 1928 (died in office).
 Henry Lilly,² 1928.
 William P. Griffith,² 1928.
 Martin V. Stone,² 1929.
 George H. Taylor,² 1930.
 Calvin L. Vincent,² 1931.
 Henry J. Kearney,² 1932 (died in office).
 Frank E. Cooley,⁴ Rensselaer, 1933.
 John Maxwell,² 1933.
 Josiah C. Read,² 1934.
 Robert M. Rownd,³ Ripley, 1935.
 George C. Eldredge,² 1936.
 Joseph Bauer,² 1937.
 Thomas H. Stritch,² 1938-39.
 Henry Lilly,² 1940.
 Edwin Morris,² 1941.
 James A. Hard,⁶ Rochester, 1942.
 John W. Hays,⁵ Brookview, 1943.
 Frank E. Cooley,² Rensselaer, 1944.
 John W. Hays,² Brookview, 1945 (died in office).
 Frank E. Cooley,² Rensselaer, 1945 (died in office).
 James A. Hard,⁴ Rochester, 1945.

De Alva S. Alexander,² 1884, transferred from Potomac.W. L. Palmer,² 1899, transferred from South Dakota.A. E. Sholes,² 1891, transferred from Georgia and South Carolina.David R. Wilson,² 1906, transferred from Virginia and North Carolina.John C. Gipson,² 1902, transferred from Oklahoma (see California and Nevada).

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Jacob Lester, Binghamton, 1931

² Deceased.³ Chaplain in chief.⁴ National council of administration.⁵ Department commander.⁶ Junior vice department commander.

OHIO (4)

(Organized January 30, 1867. Membership, December 31, 1945, 10. Posts, 7)

Department commander----- JOHN H. GRATE, Atwater, Ohio.
 Assistant adjutant general----- JOHN R. BENNETT, Waynesfield.

DELEGATE

Hiram Conrad, Alliance

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

B. F. Potts,² 1866.
 Thomas L. Young,² 1867.
 J. Warren Keifer,² 1868-70.
 William C. Burnts,² 1871-72.
 G. M. Barber,² 1873-74.
 Alvin C. Voris,² 1875.
 William Earnshaw,² 1876-77.
 Nathan L. Guthrie,² 1878 (died in office).
 James H. Seymour,² 1878.
 James H. Steadman,² 1879.
 David W. Thomas,² 1880.
 John S. Kountz,² 1881.
 Charles T. Clark,² 1882-83.
 H. P. Lloyd,² 1884.
 R. B. Brown,² 1885.
 Arthur L. Conger,² 1886.
 D. C. Putnam,² 1887.
 Joseph W. O'Neill,² 1888.
 S. H. Hurst,² 1889.
 P. H. Dowling,² 1890.
 A. M. Warner,² 1891.
 Isaac F. Mack,² 1892.
 L. H. Williams,² 1893.
 E. E. Nutt,² 1894.
 Charles Townsend,² 1895.
 E. L. Lybarger,² 1896.
 Henry Kissinger,² 1897.
 David F. Pugh,² 1898.
 Thomas R. Shinn,² 1899.
 Elias R. Monfort,² 1900.
 Emmet F. Taggart,² 1901.
 Walton Weber,² 1902.
 Arthur C. Yengling,² 1903.
 B. M. Moulton,² 1904.
 Amos Huffman,² 1905.
 George A. Harmon,² 1906.
 W. S. Rogers,² 1907.
 John H. Sharer,² 1908 (died in office).

George Hall,² 1908.
 Charles H. Newton,² 1909.
 Henry A. Axline,² 1910.
 J. F. Johnston,² 1911.
 Charles W. Blodgett,² 1912.
 W. R. Warnock,² 1913.
 J. Kent Hamilton,² 1914.
 Seeley P. Mount,² 1915.
 W. H. Surles,² 1916.
 W. A. Pittenger,² 1917.
 D. M. Hall,² 1918.
 H. C. Martindale,² 1919.
 John M. Adams,² 1920.
 M. J. Sloan,² 1921.
 Gaylord M. Saltzgaber,² 1922.
 Daniel S. Wilder,² 1923.
 Edmund Burdsall,² 1924.
 John Ambler,² 1925.
 Levi H. Derby,² 1926.
 Jacob Secrest,² 1927.
 John McClay,² 1928.
 Salonas A. Williams,² 1929.
 W. A. Talbott,² 1930.
 Ayres B. Adams,² 1931.
 S. F. Bell,² 1932.
 O. A. Marvin,² 1933.
 Charles J. McDargh,² 1934.
 Henry F. Russell,² 1935.
 Francis S. Layton,² 1936.
 Theodore Wells,² 1937.
 Frederick Pfister, Cincinnati, 1938.
 Frank S. Morris,² 1939.
 Thomas Ridenour,³ Crestline, 1940.
 David M. Robbins,² 1941.
 Byron W. Joslin,² 1942.
 John R. Bennett,³ Waynesfield, 1943.
 Lewis Heiston,² Pleasantville.
 John Grate,^{6 4} Atwater, 1945.

² Deceased.³ Assistant adjutant general.⁴ National council of administration.⁶ Senior vice commander in chief.

OKLAHOMA (44)

(Organized August 7, 1890. Membership, December 31, 1945, 7. Posts, 0. Department of Indian Territory merged with Oklahoma at joint encampment held at Guthrie, May 19-22, 1903.)

Departmental commander..... SYLVESTER S. PATTERSON,* Tonkawa.
 Senior vice department commander..... MOSES RATLEDGE, Enid.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

O. M. Barnes,* 1890.	George W. Billings,* 1914 (died in office).
G. M. Coulton,* 1891.	George W. Fletcher,* 1914.
D. F. Wyatt,* 1892.	A. A. Beasler,* 1915.
T. H. Soward,* 1893.	Albert Reeves,* 1916.
J. P. Cummings,* 1894 (see California and Nevada).	J. C. White,* 1917.
H. G. Trosper,* 1895.	F. E. Hills,* 1918.
W. H. Cater,* 1896.	F. M. Cline,* 1919.
C. R. Young,* 1897.	W. S. Tilton,* 1920 (see California and Nevada).
G. D. Munger,* 1898.	Jacob Amberg,* 1921.
J. J. S. Hassler,* 1899.	W. F. Clark,* 1922.
L. W. Rush,* 1899.	J. J. Lyons,* 1923.
M. L. Mock,* 1900.	J. W. Garner,* 1924.
James E. Burns,* 1901 (see California and Nevada).	J. H. Norton,* 1925 (died in office).
Wesley Taylor,* 1902.	J. H. Luman,* 1925.
Cyrus P. Green,* 1903.	R. D. McGinley,* 1926.
S. P. Strahan,* 1904.	W. T. Deupree,* 1927.
G. M. Parks,* 1905.	R. L. Johnson,* 1928.
Peter A. Becker,* 1906.	A. W. Lee,* 1929.
W. H. Hernday,* 1907 (see California and Nevada).	J. W. Bridges,* 1930.
H. Veatch,* 1908.	A. C. Sims,* 1931.
William Higgins,* 1909.	L. C. Coffin,* 1932.
B. N. Turk,* 1910.	A. C. Sims,* 1933.
Wilberforce Jones,* 1911.	J. W. Garner,* 1934.
W. R. Kelley,* 1912.	N. D. McGinley,* 1935-37 (died in office).
L. C. Coffin,* Elgin, 1913.	Aaron Fagin,* 1937 (died in office).
	S. Patterson,* Tonkawa, 1938-45.

FROM DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN TERRITORY BY MERGER, MAY 19-22, 1903

E. Calkins,* 1891.	Gideon S. White,* 1899.
B. F. Harris,* 1892.	John S. Hammer,* 1900-02.
J. H. Spann,* 1893.	J. A. Rose,* 1903.
Sarelou Boyles,* 1894.	Robert Ross,* 1904..
J. L. Thomas,* 1895.	Samuel H. Smith,* 1905.
William H. Harrison,* 1896.	J. F. Ayers,* 1906.
R. M. J. Shriver,* 1897.	A. G. Krutchmer,* 1907.
David Redfield,* 1898.	
D. W. Eastman,* 1898, transferred from Kansas.	
John C. Gibson,* 1902, transferred from North Dakota (see California and Nevada).	

* Deceased.

* National council of administration.

OREGON (26)

(Organized September 28, 1882. Membership, December 31, 1945, 1. Posts, 1)

Department commander----- T. A. PENLAND,^{1 5} Portland.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

N. S. Pierce,² 1882.
 G. E. Caulkin,² 1883.
 F. J. Babcock,² 1884.
 F. H. Lamb,² 1885-86.
 M. L. Olmstead,² 1887.
 A. E. Borthwick,² 1888.
 E. B. McElroy,² 1889.
 James A. Varney,² 1890.
 Owen Summers,² 1891.
 H. H. Northrup,² 1892.
 J. C. Cooper,² 1893.
 S. B. Ormsby,² 1894.
 E. W. Allen,² 1895.
 D. C. Sherman,² 1896.
 Frank Reisner,² 1897.
 C. P. Holloway,² 1898.
 H. V. Gates,² 1899.
 A. J. Goodbrod,² 1900.
 J. A. Sladen,² 1901.
 M. L. Pratt,² 1902.
 David H. Turner,² 1903.
 B. F. Pike,² 1904.
 T. E. Hills,² 1905.
 Hamer Sutcliffe,² 1906.
 S. F. Blythe,² 1907.
 J. T. Apperson,² 1908.
 James P. Shaw,² 1909.
 W. J. R. Beach,² 1910.
 Newton Clark,² 1911.
 Thomas B. McDevitt,² 1912.

S. W. Taylor,² 1913.
 H. S. Fargo,² 1914.
 George A. Harding,² 1915.
 Joseph E. Hall,² 1916.
 J. G. Chambers,² 1917.
 Tillman H. Stevens,² 1918.
 Daniel Webster,² 1919.
 J. T. Butler,² 1920.
 C. A. Williams,² 1921.
 D. L. McKay,² 1922.
 George R. Castner,² 1923.
 Henry E. Dosch,² 1924 (died in office).
 J. L. Crow,² 1924.
 J. F. Nelson,² 1925.
 William Clemens,² 1926.
 H. S. Lillagar,² 1927.
 William Clemens,² 1928.
 L. C. Washburn,² 1929 (died in office).
 Charles True,² 1929 (died in office).
 Gideon Stolz,² 1929.
 Wm. M. Colvig,² 1930.
 Charles M. Eichler,² 1931.
 J. W. Jones,² 1932.
 H. V. Gates,² 1933-34 (died in office).
 J. W. Ridge,² 1935.
 John C. Thomson,² 1936 (died in office).
 Z. T. Bryant,² 1937 (died in office).
 Henry Hopkins,² 1937.
 T. A. Penland,⁵ Portland, 1937-45.

¹ Present.² Deceased.⁵ Junior vice commander in chief.

PENNSYLVANIA (3)

(Organized January 16, 1867. Membership, December 31, 1945, 5. Posts, 4)

Departmental commander----- ALFRED W. GABRIO,^{2 4} Hazelton.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Louis Wagner,² 1866-67.
 A. L. Pearson,² 1868.
 O. C. Bosbyshell,² 1869.
 Howard J. Reeder,² 1870-71.
 Frank Reeder,² 1872.
 Robert B. Beath,² 1873.
 A. Wilson Norris,² 1874.
 W. W. Tyson,² 1875.
 James W. Latta,² 1876.
 Samuel I. Givin,² 1877.
 Charles T. Hull,² 1878.
 George L. Brown,² 1879.
 Chill W. Hazard,² 1880.
 John Taylor,² 1881.
 John M. Vanderslice,² 1882.
 E. S. Osborne,² 1883.
 Frederick H. Dyer,² 1884.
 F. Austin Curtin,² 1885.
 J. P. S. Gobin,² 1886.
 Samuel Harper,² 1887.
 Frank J. Magee,² 1888.
 Thomas J. Stewart,² 1889.
 Joseph F. Denniston,² 1890.
 George G. Boyer,² 1891.
 John P. Taylor,² 1892.
 Thomas G. Sample,² 1893.
 William Emsley,² 1894.
 H. H. Cumings,² 1895.
 Alfred Darte,² 1896.
 William D. Stauffer,² 1897.
 William J. Patterson,² 1898.
 James F. Morrison,² 1899.
 Charles Miller,² 1900.
 Levi G. McCauley,² 1901.
 R. P. Scott,² 1902.
 Edwin Walton,² 1903.
 John McNevin,² 1904.

J. Andrew Wilt,² 1905.
 M. A. Gherst,² 1906.
 William T. Powell,² 1907.
 P. De Lacy,² 1908.
 Thad M. Mahon,² 1909.
 L. W. Moore,² 1910.
 N. P. Kingsley,² 1911.
 Thomas H. Cole,² 1912.
 William J. Wells,² 1913.
 John A. Fairman,² 1914.
 C. C. Gramlich,² 1915.
 L. F. Arensberg,² 1916.
 Noah Dietrich,² 1917.
 J. D. Hicks,² 1918.
 George W. Rhoads,² 1919.
 C. H. Wm. Ruhe,² 1920.
 Charles C. Taylor,² 1921.
 W. F. Hambright,² 1922.
 J. J. Shoemaker,² 1923.
 H. H. Spayd,² 1924.
 A. M. Breckenridge,² 1925.
 Samuel P. Town,² 1926.
 John B. Patrick,² 1927.
 George I. Rudolph,² 1928.
 Phil Engelskirger,² 1929.
 Chas. W. Meconnahey,² 1930.
 John R. Steele,² 1931.
 Jacob Barron,² 1932.
 A. T. Anderson,² 1933.
 George W. Gillett,² 1934-35.
 Wm. W. Reynolds,² 1936 (died in office).
 John Little,² 1936 (died in office).
 A. T. Anderson,² 1937.
 C. H. Wm. Ruhe,² 1938-39.
 A. W. Gabrio,⁴ Hazleton, 1940-41.
 Joseph L. Chapman,² 1942.
 A. W. Gabrio,^{2 4} Hazelton, 1943-45.

James E. Porter,² 1895, transferred from Virginia and North Carolina.
 James M. Davis,² 1898, transferred from Virginia and North Carolina.

² Deceased.⁴ National council of administration.

WASHINGTON AND ALASKA (30)

(Organized June 20, 1883. Membership, December 31, 1945, 4. Posts, 4)

Department commander----- HIRAM R. GALE,³ Seattle.
Senior vice department commander----- FRANCIS YEAGER,² Centralia.
Junior vice department commander----- JACOB CHEADLE, Olympia.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

F. W. Sparling, ² provisional, 1878-82.	R. R. Harding, ² 1912.
George D. Hill, ² 1883.	J. E. Stewart, ² 1913.
H. A. Morrow, ² 1884.	H. R. Gale, ³ Seattle, 1914.
A. M. Brooks, ² 1885.	H. W. North, ² 1915.
C. M. Holton, ² 1886.	J. E. Gandy, ² 1916.
A. P. Curry, ² 1887.	John J. See, ² 1917 (see California and Nevada).
J. W. Sprague, ² 1888.	S. F. Street, ² 1918.
C. S. Cosgrove, ² 1889.	A. A. Stevens, ² 1919.
M. M. Holmes, ² 1890.	O. D. McDonald, ² 1920 (see California and Nevada).
D. G. Lovell, ² 1891.	J. H. Coffman, ² 1921.
J. Sox Brown, ² 1892.	Enoch Sears, ² 1922.
J. F. Sinclair, ² 1893.	W. P. Cragin, ² 1923 (died in office).
J. N. Scott, ² 1894.	John A. Harris, ² 1923.
Norman Buck, ² 1895.	A. P. Lawrence, ² 1924.
C. T. Patterson, ² 1896.	William J. Baker, ² 1925.
J. F. McLean, ² 1897.	J. H. Shaw, ² 1926.
George W. Tibbetts, ² 1898.	Byron Phelps, ² 1927.
J. W. Langley, ² 1899.	Henry P. Burdick, ² 1928.
B. R. Freeman, ² 1900.	Willis Richardson, ² 1929.
H. A. Bigelow, ² 1901.	W. W. Work, ² 1930.
B. C. Bedell, ² 1902.	R. W. Black, ² 1931.
T. H. Cavanaugh, ² 1903.	T. F. Coley, ² 1932.
F. M. Davis, ² 1904 (see California and Nevada).	Rustan O. Reed, ² 1933-34.
J. T. Goss, ² 1905.	D. L. Crossen, ² 1935.
C. B. Dunning, ² 1906.	George L. Foster, ² 1936.
W. H. Mock, ² 1907.	L. A. Wilcox, ⁵ Cadott, Wis., 1937.
George H. Boardman, ² 1908.	Rustan O. Reed, ² 1938-41 (died in office).
Lyman Banks, ² 1909.	S. B. Tift, ² Everett, 1942.
W. H. Wiscombe, ² 1910 (see California and Nevada).	Hiram R. Gale, ³ Seattle, 1943-45.
F. H. Hurd, ² 1911.	

John E. Phelps,² 1889, transferred from Missouri.E. A. Shores,² 1893, transferred from Wisconsin.² Deceased.³ Junior vice commander in chief.⁵ Transferred to Wisconsin.

WISCONSIN (2)

(Organized June 7, 1866. Membership, December 31, 1945, 6. Posts, 2)

Department commander----- L. A. WILCOX, Cadott.
Senior vice department commander----- ANSEL GOOLSBY, Chetek.
Junior vice department commander----- JOSIAH E. CASS, Eau Claire.
Assistant adjutant general----- C. L. HOOKER, Virginia, Minn.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

James K. Proudfit, ² 1866.	John C. Martin, ² 1907.
H. A. Starr, ² 1867.	E. D. Coe, ² 1908 (died in office).
J. M. Rusk, ² 1868.	R. B. Lang, ² 1909.
T. S. Allen, ² 1869-70.	William H. Grinnell, ² 1909.
Edward Ferguson, ² 1871-72.	Frank A. Walsh, ² 1910.
A. J. McCoy, ² 1873.	Hiram J. Smith, ² 1911.
G. A. Hanaford, ² 1874-75.	George W. Spratt, ² 1912.
John Hancock, ² 1876.	Charles H. Henry, ² 1913.
H. G. Rogers, ² 1877.	Samuel A. Cook, ² 1914.
F. S. Hammond, ² 1878.	W. J. McKay, ² 1915.
Griff J. Thomas, ² 1879-81 (see Nebraska).	O. L. Rosenkrans, ² 1916.
H. M. Enos, ² 1882.	W. A. Wyse, ² 1917.
Philip Cheek, ² 1883-84.	George D. Breed, ² 1918.
James Davidson, ² 1885.	Robert R. Campbell, ² 1919.
Lucius Fairchild, ² 1886.	Walter O. Pietsch, ² 1920.
H. P. Fisher, ² 1886.	M. L. Snyder, ² 1921.
Michael Griffin, ² 1887.	James F. Carle, ² 1922.
A. G. Weissert, ² 1888.	Alfred S. Eaton, ² 1923.
L. Ferguson, ² 1889.	George W. Morton, ² 1924.
Benjamin F. Bryant, ² 1890.	Henry Hase, ² 1925.
W. H. Upham, ² 1891.	Henry Stannard, ² 1926.
C. B. Welton, ² 1892.	Henry C. Eaton, ² 1927.
E. A. Shores, ² 1893 (see Washington and Alaska).	G. H. Pounder, ² 1928.
J. A. Watrous, ² 1894.	Lloyd D. Sampson, ² 1929.
W. D. Hoard, ² 1895.	John H. Hellweg, ² 1930.
D. Lloyd Jones, ² 1896.	W. H. Chesbrough, ² 1931.
E. B. Gray, ² 1897.	George L. Thomas, ² 1932.
C. H. Russell, ² 1898.	Henry Held, ² 1933.
Henry Harnden, ² 1899.	Thaddeus Sheerin, ² 1934.
S. H. Talmadge, ² 1899.	Charles M. Hambright, ² 1935.
David J. James, ² 1900.	Chas. F. Moulton, ² 1936.
A. H. DeGroff, ² 1901 (see California and Nevada).	W. P. Bryant, ² 1937.
J. H. Agen, ² 1902.	John Hart, ² 1938.
J. P. Rungle, ² 1903.	A. R. Kibbe, ² 1939.
Pliny Norcross, ² 1904.	B. Regli, ² 1940.
F. A. Cepeland, ² 1905.	James F. Jones, ² 1941.
John W. Ganes, ² 1906.	John W. Miller, ² 1942.
	C. L. Hooker, Virginia, Minn., 1943.
	L. A. Wilcox, ^{4 6} Cadott, 1944-45.

Lansing A. Wilcox,⁶ Cadott, transferred from Washington and Alaska.

² Deceased.⁴ National council of administration.⁶ Past senior vice commander in chief.

COMMITTEES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

Hiram R. Gale, commander in chief, Seattle, Wash.
John H. Grate, senior vice commander in chief, Atwater, Ohio.
Isaac W. Sharp, adjutant general, Warsaw, Ind.
John C. Adams, quartermaster general, Jonesboro, Ind.
George H. Jones, Togus, Maine.
Hiram H. Shumate, Riverton, Ill.
Albert Woolson, Duluth, Minn.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

Isaac W. Sharp, adjutant general, chairman.
Robert A. Millen, assistant adjutant general, Iowa.
John R. Bennett, assistant adjutant general, Ohio.
C. L. Hooker, assistant adjutant general, Wisconsin.
Alonzo McMurphy, department commander, Kansas.

COMMITTEE TO AUDIT BOOKS OF QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

Robert M. Rownd, New York.
Orlando LeValley, Michigan.

COMMITTEE TO PREPARE RESOLUTIONS

ON THE DEATH OF PAST COMMANDER IN CHIEF RUSSELL C. MARTIN

John S. Dumser, California.
Robert M. Rownd, New York.
Hiram H. Shumate, Illinois.

ON THE DEATH OF PAST COMMANDER IN CHIEF GEORGE H. JONES

Robert M. Rownd, New York.
John C. Adams, Indiana.
John R. Bennett, Ohio.

Departments in order of seniority, according to dates of permanent organization as heretofore announced

No.	Department	Organized
1	Illinois	Apr. 6, 1866
2	Wisconsin	June 7, 1866
3	Pennsylvania	Jan. 16, 1867
4	Ohio	Jan. 30, 1867
5	New York	Apr. 3, 1867
6	Connecticut	Apr. 11, 1867
7	Massachusetts	May 7, 1867
8	New Jersey ²	Dec. 10, 1867
9	Maine	Jan. 10, 1868
10	California and Nevada	Feb. 21, 1868
11	Rhode Island ²	Mar. 24, 1868
12	New Hampshire ²	June 30, 1868
13	Vermont ²	Oct. 23, 1868
14	Potomac, ¹ provisional department, organized Aug. 6, 1867	Feb. 13, 1869
15	Virginia and North Carolina ²	July 27, 1871
	As Department of Virginia; name changed to Virginia and North Carolina	May 20, 1892
16	Maryland, ² organized Jan. 8, 1868; reorganized	June 9, 1876
17	Nebraska	June 11, 1877
18	Michigan, organized May 6, 1868; reorganized	Jan. 22, 1879
19	Iowa, organized Sept. 26, 1866; reorganized	Jan. 23, 1879
20	Indiana, organized Aug. 20, 1866; reorganized	Oct. 3, 1879
21	Colorado and Wyoming	Dec. 11, 1879
	As Department of the Mountains; name changed to Colorado July 31, 1882; name changed to Colorado and Wyoming	Aug. 28, 1889
22	Kansas, organized Dec. 7, 1867; reorganized	Mar. 16, 1880
23	Delaware	Jan. 14, 1881
24	Minnesota, organized Aug. 4, 1867; reorganized	Aug. 17, 1881
25	Missouri, organized May 16, 1867; reorganized	Apr. 22, 1882
26	Oregon	Sept. 28, 1882
27	Kentucky	Jan. 16, 1883
28	West Virginia, ² organized Apr. 9, 1868; reorganized	Feb. 20, 1883
29	South Dakota ²	Feb. 27, 1883
	As Department of Dakota; name changed to South Dakota	Apr. 11, 1890
30	Washington and Alaska	June 20, 1883
31	Arkansas ²	July 11, 1883
32	New Mexico ²	July 14, 1883
33	Utah ²	Oct. 9, 1883
34	Tennessee ²	Feb. 26, 1884
35	Louisiana and Mississippi ²	May 15, 1884
	As Department of the Gulf; name changed to Louisiana and Mississippi	June 13, 1888
36	Florida ²	June 19, 1884
37	Montana ²	Mar. 10, 1885
38	Texas ²	Mar. 25, 1885
39	Idaho	Jan. 11, 1888
40	Arizona ²	Jan. 17, 1888
41	Georgia and South Carolina ¹	Jan. 25, 1889
42	Alabama ²	Mar. 12, 1889
43	North Dakota ²	Apr. 23, 1890
44	Oklahoma	Apr. 7, 1890
	As Department of Oklahoma and Indian Territory; name changed to Oklahoma	July 3, 1891
45	Indian Territory	July 3, 1891
	Consolidated with and merged into the Department of Oklahoma, May 19-22, 1908.	

¹ Charter surrendered.

² Closed by death of all members.

ATTENDANCE AT ENCAMPMENT

California and Nevada : Charles L. Chappel.

Illinois : Hiram H. Shumate.

Indiana : John C. Adams.

Michigan : Orlando LeValley.

Minnesota : Albert Woolson.

Missouri : William H. Osborn.

New York : Robert M. Rownd.

Ohio : John H. Grate, John R. Bennett.

Oregon : Theodore A. Penland.

Washington and Alaska : Hiram R. Gale.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE ENCAMPMENT

PROCEEDINGS OF THE EIGHTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, AT INDIANAPOLIS, IND., AUGUST 25 TO 29, 1946

The eightieth national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic convened in the Palm Room of the Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis, Ind., at 1:40 o'clock p. m. on Wednesday, August 28, 1946, Commander in Chief Hiram R. Gale, of Seattle, Wash., presiding.

Mrs. GRACE M. DARLING (secretary, Department of Maine Grand Army of the Republic, and assistant secretary, during the encampment, of the Grand Army of the Republic). Comrades, all members being present, our commander in chief, Hiram R. Gale, will now open this business session in due form.

Commander in Chief GALE. I now declare this meeting open for the transaction of business. We will now have the prayer from the chaplain in chief.

Chaplain in Chief ROBERT M. ROWND. Dear Heavenly Father, with gratitude in our hearts, with expressions of deep appreciation for the blessings that Thou has bestowed upon our beloved Nation and the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic who are with us this afternoon, may Thy richest blessing rest upon them and upon our beloved country. Give us peace in the world. Fill our hearts with love and gratitude to Thee. May we love Thee above everything else, and may the spirit of Jesus Christ prevail in our hearts. May we set our faces toward the land of the eternal morning, and when we are done with the last course we pray that Thou wilt bless us and save us. We ask it in the name of Christ. Amen.

Mrs. DARLING. The report of the committee on credentials [reading]:

The committee on credentials met Monday and reported eleven departments represented, with 6 officers present, and a total of 11 comrades present.

ISAAC W. SHARP, *Chairman.*

Commander in Chief GALE. You have heard the report. What is your pleasure? Any objection to the report? I hear no objection. I declare the report accepted.

Mrs. DARLING. Report of the auditing committee [reading]:

We have carefully examined the receipts and vouchers for expense and have compared the figures of the report as made by the quartermaster-general and find the same to be correct. We highly commend the report.

ROBERT M. ROWND,
ORLANDO LEVALLEY,
Auditing Committee.

IRMA NIXON,
Secretary.

Commander in Chief GALE. You have heard the report. What action? Have you any objection to the report? Hearing none, I declare the report approved.

Mrs. DARLING. I will now call the roll of officers.

(Upon the roll call the following officers were found to be present: Hiram R. Gale, commander in chief; John H. Grate, senior vice commander in chief; Theodore A. Penland, junior vice commander in chief; Robert M. Rownd, chaplain in chief; John C. Adams, quartermaster general; Orlando LeValley, national patriotic instructor.)

(The following additional comrades were in attendance at the encampment: Charles L. Chappel, of California and Nevada; Hiram H. Shumate, of Illinois; Albert Woolson, of Minnesota; William H. Osborn, of Missouri; John R. Bennett, of Ohio.)

Mrs. DARLING. The commander in chief finds six of the national officers present.

We will now have the address of the commander in chief, Hiram R. Gale, which will be read by Mr. Elliott.

(The address of the commander in chief was then read by the shorthand reporter, as follows:)

ADDRESS OF THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF

Greetings to my comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic. I greatly appreciate the confidence placed in me by my comrades in unanimously electing me commander in chief at the Seventy-ninth National Encampment in Columbus, Ohio, September 30 to October 5, 1945.

As a newspaper publisher during my entire business life, I know the value of brevity and my report of my year's activities in office will be brief, with more likelihood of its being more generally read in full.

Following my election I was serenaded at headquarters by the United States Marine Band and was given the distinction by Capt. William F. Santelmann, the leader, of holding the baton and leading the band.

En route home from the encampment we were saddened by the death of Comrade Ira Stormes, department commander, and last veteran of Utah. Comrade Stormes was injured by a fall on the train on his way to Columbus but his condition was not considered serious until his removal from the train at Chicago on his way home on October 5 and his death came a few hours later.

Accompanied by my son, Edgar, and his wife, Marguerite, I returned to my home by way of San Francisco, in which city we were the guests of Mayor Roger Lapham, on the occasion of the city's reception to Admiral F. Halsey and the Third Fleet on October 16. In California I was also greeted by Past Commander in Chief John S. Dumser and past national president of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Erma H. Chaplin. On arriving home in Seattle October 19 I was greeted by delegations from the mayor's office and from all allied organizations of the Grand Army of the Republic and presented with beautiful floral tributes.

At the close of the encampment in Columbus our national secretary, Katharine R. A. Flood, went to the hospital in Newton, Mass., for a diagnosis of an ailment that had been troubling her for some time and she had hoped to take up her work in Seattle about November 15. Meanwhile she had instructed my son as to certain work that must be

done here in the interval. On October 25 we made arrangements, through the courtesy of Mayor W. F. Devin, for a private office for national headquarters in the county-city building. On October 30 we were saddened by a telegram from Mrs. George Flood, telling of the death on October 29 of Miss Katharine R. A. Flood, an irreparable loss to the Grand Army of the Republic, all patriotic orders, and to the Nation. I immediately wired a message of sincere condolence to the members of her family and ordered a floral tribute from the national department. The entire Nation mourns the passing of a true friend to all, a woman of remarkable executive ability and wonderful and endearing personality and charm; a woman who has given her entire life to patriotic work; the national secretary to the Grand Army of the Republic for over a quarter century.

On October 30 all work as national secretary was of necessity taken over by my son, Edgar L. Gale, and I appointed him secretary pro tem, pending the appointment of a permanent secretary. Several prominent women of the allied orders were recommended to me, outstanding among them being Miss Irma Nixon, of Jewell, Kans., and Miss Cora E. Gillis, of Jamestown, N. Y. Miss Nixon was unable to serve and on November 28 Miss Gillis accepted the appointment which I had offered to her. She was detained for a short time, arranging matters for her absence from her home and arrived in Seattle on December 31, where she was met at the railway station by delegates from the several patriotic groups of the Grand Army of the Republic and most cordially welcomed to the city. Her work during the year will, I believe, fully justify my selection of her as national secretary.

It was with profound sorrow that we learned of the death on December 29 in Los Angeles, Calif., of Past Commander in Chief Russell C. Martin, who at the time of his death was adjutant general. I immediately wired words of condolence to his department secretary and instructed that a floral tribute be provided from the national organization.

My work and correspondence during the year has been extensive. During my first 3 months in office I sent out over 200 communications, individual letters. My sphere of personal activity, because of my age, has been limited to the Puget Sound section. During less than 10 months in office I have attended and addressed 56 meetings, patriotic, civil, and social, in various cities of the State of Washington. I regret very much that I was unable to attend the department encampment in Oregon, held on the same dates as the convention of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War of the Department of Washington and Alaska, in Bellingham, Wash., which I attended.

Of the many meetings of patriotic groups of the GAR and of the later three wars that I have attended and addressed, those of special interest were reception, parade and banquet on Wainwright day in Seattle, November 20, given by Washington Bataan Relief Organization in honor of Seattle's distinguished guest, Gen. Jonathan Wainwright; reception and banquet on December 6 in my honor by the Allied Orders of Washington, at which time the national president of the Woman's Relief Corps, Mrs. Ellenore M. Zeller, was also present; reception and banquet on March 16 in honor of our guest, M. Frances Anderson, national president of the Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars; reception and luncheon on May 1, honoring Mrs.

Emma R. McLaughlin, national president of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War; Fourth of July celebration, parade and banquet, at which time Admiral William F. Halsey was the honor guest of the city. Distinguished guests from out of the city at the department encampment of the Department of Washington and Alaska, held in Seattle, June 16 to 19, were Ellenore M. Zeller, on her second trip to Seattle during the year, and Comrade Theodore A. Penland, junior vice commander in chief and department commander of Oregon, the only surviving Union veteran in Oregon.

On May 14 I had the pleasure of entertaining H. Harding Hale, commander in chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, who was on a visit to Seattle.

Three prominent local women who have attended many of the gatherings that I have mentioned, I wish to especially commend for their untiring patriotic work and assistance to me: Rhoda Denny Moss, past national president of the Woman's Relief Corps, Seattle; Frances M. Haskell, past national president of the Ladies of the GAR, Tacoma; and Mary M. Manning, past national president of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Seattle.

Regarding United States Transcontinental Highway No. 6, proposed to be named "Grand Army of the Republic Highway," I have written articles that have been published and have also written the Governors of four remaining States, through which this highway extends and that have not as yet designated it the "Grand Army of the Republic Highway," urging them to officially so name it.

MEMBERSHIP

The report of the Adjutant General shows a loss of 64 members up to the end of 1945, and since that time 18 more comrades have answered the last roll call. Four departments have closed during the year, leaving but 22 departments now in existence.

FINANCES

At the beginning of the year we had only the funds supplied by the allied organizations, the permanent fund having been exhausted last year. Through the generosity of our allied organizations at Columbus we received the sum of \$4,500 for our general fund and \$900 for our Southern memorial fund. Expenses have been very high this year, because of the increase in the cost of printing and other things necessary in the conduct of our office. The secretary has cut expenses in every direction, but even then the amount of money on hand is not quite enough to carry us through. Through the generosity of the Woman's Relief Corps an additional \$300 has been received to tide us over to the end of the year. I say thank you most heartily to the Relief Corps.

As in former years, we are indebted to Mrs. Zola Miller Donahoe for her splendid work in the handling of Memorial Day in the South. Her knowledge of this work has been a source of satisfaction to all concerned.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

I wish to express my thanks to all of the officers of my staff and to all members of the Grand Army of the Republic and the allied orders for the many courtesies shown to me during my year.

To Mayor William F. Devin I am indeed grateful for the pleasant office supplied for our headquarters. It has been deeply appreciated by our secretary.

I appreciate the courtesies shown me by the heads of the allied organizations in our Grand Army family, and wish them success.

My son, Edgar L. Gale, and his wife have been ever mindful of my comfort and health and have been ready at all times to take me to the many affairs held in my honor. To them goes my everlasting gratitude.

CONCLUSION

As we come to the end of another year, it is with a feeling of sadness, because of the loss of so many of our comrades, but with appreciation that so many are still spared to us. It is the hope of your commander in chief that this encampment will remain a pleasant memory to all of you.

Commander in Chief GALE. You have heard the report of the commander in chief. What action do you wish to take?

Past Commander in Chief ROWND. Commander in Chief, I take very great pleasure in making the request that this report be referred to the regular committee on resolutions.

Commander in Chief GALE. You have heard the motion. All in favor of that will make it manifest by raising their right hand. All opposed by the same sign. The motion is carried.

I do not hear very well, so you will have to excuse me for being a little muddled once in a while, maybe, because I don't hear well enough.

Mrs. DARLING. The next to come before the meeting is a resolution which has been prepared, hoping to perpetuate all the conventions of the allied organizations when the encampment truly of the Grand Army of the Republic has quietly passed into history. [Reading:]

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., August 27, 1946.

To Our Auxiliary and Allied Organizations:

Realizing that the time is not far off when our encampments will be ended, it is our earnest wish that our allied organizations continue to hold their annual conventions together.

We therefore ask that as a memorial to the Grand Army of the Republic you continue to meet at the same time and place, and suggest that the incoming and outgoing presidents or presiding officers act as a committee to make the arrangements for future national conventions when the Grand Army of the Republic ceases to meet.

Commander in Chief GALE. You have heard the reading of this resolution. What is your pleasure?

Past Commander in Chief ROWND. Commander in Chief, I move the adoption of the resolution as presented. [Seconded by Comrade Shumate.]

Commander in Chief GALE. It has been moved and seconded that the resolution be approved as read. All in favor of that make it manifest by the raising of their right hand.

Past Commander in Chief ROWND. Is there opportunity for discussion?

Mrs. DARLING. It has been suggested that this resolution might be discussed, if any of you have any questions or care to discuss it.

Commander in Chief GALE. Is there anybody who would like to raise any discussion or make any remarks about it?

Comrade SHUMATE. I would like to ask this question: Would that mean that the encampment of the national be permanently done away with?

Mrs. DARLING. I think that was answered in the resolution. The object is, we have a Grand Army family. It is the desire to keep this Grand Army family intact, even with the passing of our beloved fathers for whom the encampment has always been held. In other words, it will be a memorial encampment. Does that answer your question?

Comrade SHUMATE. Partly so. I have had a misunderstanding. I am pretty well versed in the rules and regulations. My understanding had been that as long as any of the members wish to meet, like it is in a post, any one member can hold an encampment—one member.

Mrs. DARLING. Comrade Shumate, you do not understand at all. This is not to go into effect in any way until the last Grand Army man in the United States has passed.

Comrade SHUMATE. All right. I accept it.

Commander in Chief GALE. You have heard this resolution. All in favor of the approval will make it manifest by raising your right hand. Then I can see who votes. All opposed by the same sign. The resolution is adopted.

There is one thing I want to call their attention to when the time comes, as to continuing on indefinitely. I think I can talk loud enough so you can all hear me. I think you can hear plainer than if I talk through the microphone. It would be my wish that we—on account of being so much said about ending our work—that we reaffirm the action taken by the national organization sometime past saying that we should carry on as long as one comrade is alive. Now I would like to see a motion to reaffirm that, so that everybody will know how we feel about it at this meeting. Does anyone wish to make a motion that we reaffirm?

Mrs. DARLING. Commander in Chief Gales wants a motion that these encampments of the Grand Army of the Republic continue as long as there are Grand Army men to attend. This is to dispel any of the comings and goings and sayings that this will be the last encampment. He is asking for a motion.

Commander in Chief GALE. To reaffirm what the Grand Army has taken—that it shall continue.

Past Commander in Chief ROWND. I have the honor and the very great pleasure to move the adoption of that recommendation of the Commander in Chief. [Motion seconded by Comrade Adams.]

Commander in Chief GALE. You have heard the motion. All in favor of the motion will manifest it by raising their right hand. All opposed by the same sign. The motion is carried. That will clear up any discussion or misunderstanding just exactly where we stand.

Comrade GRATE. Is it time now to vote on the secretary? I want to nominate the same secretary that is doing our work now (Miss Cora E. Gillis). I think she is capable and she should be honored. She has offered to do this work for half the present price that she has been getting. And as I understand, we are now a little in arrears in money matters. It will help out by not having to pay quite so much. I think she would make us a good secretary, and it is to our advantage at this time.

Mrs. DARLING. You mean you want to elect her permanently?

Comrade GRATE. Permanently.

Commander in Chief GALE. Is there a second to that motion?

Past Commander in Chief ROWND. I take great pleasure, Commander in Chief, to second that motion.

Commander in Chief GALE. You have heard the motion. All in favor of that motion will make it manifest by raising their right hand. All opposed by the same sign. I declare the motion carried and she will remain the secretary.

Mrs. DARLING. This is Lillian Gardiner, about Comrade Dumser.

Miss LILLIAN GARDINER (department secretary of California and Nevada). Commander in Chief and comrades, just before I left home I had a letter from Comrade Dumser. He really is not ill, and yet he is not strong enough to make the 3-day trip from California. He was so disappointed. He had planned on coming. He thought he was perfectly well and he could come. He went to the doctor, and the doctor said, "Absolutely you cannot go." So he felt terribly bad. And he said, "Lillian, I want you to go and say 'hello' to all the comrades for me. Tell them I hope they are all just feeling fine and they have just as fine a convention this year as I had in my year." And he hoped that you were all well and that you would remember him as he was with you at the time when he had his convention. We are very proud of him, and we hope that if all you comrades are taking a vacation next year you will come and visit us.

We are going to have our convention in Long Beach, and the comrades would be very happy to have you come. They all send their greetings to you.

Mrs. DARLING. It might be well to read these other greetings, and then have the committees. [Reading:]

Please extend my sincere greetings to the Grand Army of the Republic on the occasion of its eightieth national encampment.

The brave men, living and dead, who fought so magnificently to preserve our Union, have written their names in glory on the imperishable pages of the history of our country.

The cornerstone of indivisible unity on which our very Nation rests stands as an enduring monument to the valor and patriotism of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Time has thinned their ranks, but time can never erase their proud record of service to our country.

Very sincerely yours,

HARRY S. TRUMAN.

Yesterday morning there came to headquarters a delegation of wonderful veterans from the Major Harold C. McGrew Camp, No. 1, Department of Indiana, United Spanish War Veterans. They asked that this greeting be extended to you [reading]:

The Major Harold C. McGrew Camp, No. 1, Department of Indiana, Spanish War Veterans, extend to the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic their best wishes for a pleasant encampment; their wish to do anything they can to make their encampment a pleasant one, and a cordial invitation to visit Indianapolis again.

ROBERT H. LOVE, *Past Commander*,
NORMAN R. JOHNSTON, *Past Commander*,
EUGENE L. MILLER, *Past Commander*,
W. H. RICHARDSON, *Past Commander*,
O. R. TOOLEY, *Officer of the Day*,
CHARLES E. LOGAN,
I. C. MURRAY,
H. E. REEVES.

A message of greeting came from Joseph Chisam, department senior vice commander of New York State. Do you know him, Comrade Rownd?

Commander in Chief GALE, it is announced that a greetings committee has arrived at the door. What is your wish? [Committee admitted.]

The Ladies of the Grand Army. Commander in Chief, the Ladies of the Grand Army are greeting you—Mrs. Frances M. Kuhns and Mrs. Sarah J. Ehrman, past national presidents, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Commander in Chief GALE. We are glad to receive you. Do you wish to make any remarks?

Mrs. KUHNS. I want to extend to you the greetings from the Ladies of the Grand Army. Our national president, Catherine G. Schroeder, of California, wishes us to give you our very best wishes and trusts you may have a most enjoyable encampment. She has enjoyed her year's work and she knows that you have enjoyed yours; and she asks God's blessings on you during your stay in Indianapolis, Ind.

And I want to say to you and to the comrades here that—

You may talk about your Masons and your Odd Fellows and such,
You may call them so fraternal as to fairly beat the Dutch;
You may praise them if you choose to, with their mystic rites and noise,
But they cannot hold a candle to
Our old Grand Army boys.

You may talk about the badges, but the one that has the call
Is the Star, the Flag, the Eagle—that is far above them all.
It was there when battles thundered and through the crash and noise.
No, there's nothing holds a candle to
Our old Grand Army boys.

Are they fraternal? Well, I reckon, and their charity's all right.
Are they loyal? They have proved it through many a bitter fight.

That is as far as I can go. It has been a long time since I said that.

Commander in Chief GALE. What you did say was very fine. We thank you.

Mrs. EHRLMAN. National Commander in Chief, I greet you this afternoon not only as the national commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic but as my father's comrade. He fought by your side and almost died. He was wounded three times but came back and served the balance of his life by raising his family. He always loved the Grand Army of the Republic, and was a member from its first inception. He was chaplain of his post for a great many years. He loved his comrades, and I as a child was taken to all of the regimental reunions; and I am happy to say that I have given the better part of my life for the work of the Grand Army of the Republic.

I joined the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Daughters of Veterans 52 years ago, and I have given the best part of my life to advancing the interests of the Grand Army of the Republic. Therefore, comrades, I learned from my father's knee what his comrades meant to him, and I have had that instilled in my heart until I can say honestly I love each and every one of you. There is not a member of any of our organizations but what would gladly, if they could, even give their lives for you.

We hope that you will have a wonderful encampment; that God will bless you and take care of you, and give you the strength to carry on.

Commander in Chief GALE. Thank you for this beautifully worded message and compliment.

Mrs. KUINS. I have this little gift, Commander in Chief, from Mrs. Schroeder to you, with her very best wishes.

Commander in Chief GALE. You extend to her my sincere best wishes. I want to have Comrade Rownd respond to some of these greetings. He is past commander in chief.

Mrs. DARLING. This is J. Cabell Breckenridge, representing the Veterans' Administration—Director of Public Relations.

Mr. BRECKENRIDGE. Mr. Commander in Chief, honorable veterans, General Bradley has asked me to come before you today and express his sincere regrets over his inability to be present, feeling sure that you would understand the demands of our more recent veterans keep him a busy man.

I know that you gentlemen are concerned with memories—memories of other comrades, memories of other days, memories of another war. We, too, in the Veterans' Administration are concerned with memories—memories of World War II; possibly concerned somewhat, in view of world conditions, over the possibility of World War III.

We wish to encourage you and your associates and those who are following your footsteps to give to the veterans of World War II the privileges of being good American citizens. Don't permit impatience on the part of these veterans because they cannot find homes at the moment, or white shirts at the moment, or other things that they expected to find when they returned—don't let them be turned from impatience to frustration. Use your influence to see that they are able to hold their heads high as Americans because of the privilege that they earned on the battlefield. Thank you very much for the honor of appearing before you today, and in the name of the Veterans' Administration, I salute you.

Commander in Chief GALE. I will ask Comrade Rownd to respond.

Past Commander in Chief ROWND. Commander in Chief, I accept it as a very great honor to accept his cheerful message and greetings to the Grand Army of the Republic. The war is not yet settled. They claim it to be over, but what has been settled is by the veterans of the Second World War, the atomic bomb, and the women's different organizations with which we are identified and the prayers of our comrades who are present with us this afternoon and those that are living.

A committee representing the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, composed of Past Commander in Chief U. W. Mackey and Dr. Ralph R. Barrett, was then admitted to the encampment.

Mr. MACKEY. Comrade Gale, comrades of my grandfather, for 2 years now I have been coming to your assemblies at the close of the Sons' meeting. This year it is my honor to bring to you the greetings from the Sons of Union Veterans assembled. When I left we had 174 or 175 registered—a much larger group than we had last year at Columbus.

No greater honor has come to me from serving in the Sons of Union Veterans than to bring to you this afternoon the greetings from our

organization, and I will go back to Grand Rapids and go back to my home repaid for everything that it has cost me here, for those inspiring words of Comrade Rownd the other night when he said, "Let's look to the future." That is the patriotism that this country needs—the patriotism that we sons and grandsons need.

So this afternoon I will just leave you with these greetings. I brought with me Dr. Barrett. Dr. Barrett has been called upon from time to time to come into your assembly and give you just a few words. He always loves to do it. Coming from California and the commander coming from Seattle, I know these two west coast people have a lot in common, and so forth, and I will just turn it over to my good friend, Past Commander in Chief Ralph Barrett, of California.

Dr. BARRETT. Comrades, Commander in Chief, this is an opportunity I don't get every day. It is mighty inspiring. It is your sons, grandsons, and great grandsons who make up the organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. It was founded some 65 years ago. This, I believe, is your eightieth encampment. Anyway, some 65 years ago the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic called the Sons of Union Veterans, their sons and their grandsons, to get together; and they helped us to organize this organization that has traveled along the road with you for 65 years.

Now the opportunity has been ours to receive much inspiration—inspiration that has been worth while because of this fact, as we think about it. You have helped us as boys and girls in this country of ours to live in the United States of America, and what a godsend to the world it has been that we have the United States of America.

I want to say to you this afternoon it seemed to me—as the brother who was speaking spoke of this atomic change, I could not help but think for just a minute you fellows certainly stirred up something with those army muskets, didn't you, and the army mule, and the beans, and a few other things that went along? But it gave this country an Army that came home victorious, that not only just simply was victorious over the enemy the other side of the southern line, but you came home and delivered to the world and to posterity the United States of America.

And the splendid things that you have done during the days of your activity. I assure you, as one who has followed along since I was about 17 years of age—I joined the Sons of Union Veterans in Ohio, and it has been my privilege to work and to do all I could for you; and I shall continue to think of you and pray for you—and you pray for me, that we may carry on together. And as a united force in this land of ours, we stand for the principles of freedom, equality, and justice to whom it may be.

Other things could be said, but I must not take your time. It is my privilege and my joy, and down in my heart I feel a bit better for having the privilege to have looked into your eyes and said this word, whether it amounts to much or not.

Commander in Chief GALE. The old army musket and the beans—my father was a batteryman, and so forth. You have given us fine support. Carry back to your Sons of Veterans our warmest greetings and best wishes. It is our Sons that we are depending on to take our place when we are gone, and we know that they will not prove false to the duty. Now we thank you from the very bottom of our

hearts for coming here with that cheerful greeting, inspiring. And, as I say, carry back to the boys our sincere best wishes.

Mrs. DARLING. J. Clark Mansfield, national chairman of the Grand Army of the Republic Highway. He wishes to say a word to you.

Mr. MANSFIELD. I want first to announce that on last Thursday, August 22, the State of Colorado erected markers on U. S. Route 6, marking it as the Grand Army Highway. They did that to signalize the opening of this convention, to synchronize the markers with the convention.

Now at the present time there are only four States that have not designated or marked the highway. Two of those are the small States of Utah and Nevada, which we are holding for the last. And the only States that have not taken action are Pennsylvania and Iowa.

Perhaps I should add that it was through the help of your Commander in Chief Gale, who wrote to the Governor of Colorado, which has made it possible to mark that highway. A very noble achievement this administration has, commander in chief.

In Pennsylvania we are meeting the opposition of a highway association of businessmen known as the Roosevelt Highway Association, named after Teddy Roosevelt. Laws have been passed in Pennsylvania authorizing the highway department to name the highway as the Grand Army of the Republic Highway, and last July they issued an order to that effect. But owing to the protest to the Governor from these businessmen, he ordered it rescinded on September 19 pending further investigation.

Now the Governor is a soldier—General Martin, a veteran of two wars. He is my personal friend and he is anxious to name this highway the Grand Army of the Republic Highway. But these men that are opposing it are small politicians over there, and he needs a little support to oppose them. So I am out here with you.

I might add that last year I personally drafted that resolution that was adopted at Columbus. You know that was telegraphed all over the country by the Associated Press. I wrote that resolution, and I have here a telegram that will be of great help in Pennsylvania. I submitted this to the commander in chief just before the parade, and he said he would like to send it. But I want to read it now so that you will know what the telegram is about. [Reading:]

To Hon. EDWARD MARTIN,
Governor, Harrisburg, Pa.

The national encampment, Grand Army of the Republic, respectfully requests that Pennsylvania name U. S. Route 6 the "Grand Army of the Republic Highway." Pennsylvania is now one of only four States that have not so acted. Consider this as one of the last requests of our organization.

Now if that telegram is satisfactory I would like to send it to the Governor. I feel we will get results in Pennsylvania if we get the support of this encampment.

Commander in Chief GALE. I don't care to sign that now without all of you having a chance to express your opinion. Now let me hear from any of you whether or not you desire me to sign that paper.

Mrs. DARLING. Did the comrades all understand that this telegram is in the way of a plea to the Governor of Pennsylvania to name that Highway No. 6 the Grand Army of the Republic Highway, since they are one of the four remaining States who have not signed?

Commander in Chief GALE. Comrade Rownd, what do you think?

Past Commander in Chief ROWND. Commander in Chief, the proper treatment of that telegram will be to refer it to the committee on resolutions. That we would have to do in carrying out our business. But I am in favor of it, decidedly in favor of it, personally.

Mr. MANSFIELD. This is really not a resolution. It is just a telegram to the Governor. And I am leaving here tonight. If they sign this telegram I will see that a copy is placed in the hands of the Associated Press to wire all over the United States. I hope that under the order of unanimous consent that you can approve that telegram. You know the record last year at Columbus. I made the same plea there under unanimous consent because I was leaving Columbus, and they passed that resolution under unanimous consent.

Understand, the Governor of Pennsylvania has authority by law, and the legislation is passed. All he need to do is order that this highway be marked. This is not a matter of policy. The Grand Army is already on record as favoring this highway. It is merely a request to the Governor to go ahead and mark it. It does not require any action on a resolution, as I would take it, and I hope that you will be kind enough to grant unanimous consent so that I can get this telegram on the way and be wired to all sections of the great United States.

Commander in Chief GALE. What is your pleasure?

Mrs. DARLING. I suggest, Commander in Chief, that a motion be made to authorize the commander in chief to sign this telegram.

Commander in Chief GALE. I see no objection to it. We want such Grand Army highway and that is a part of the proceedings.

Past Commander in Chief ROWND. In the event that it is in harmony with our resolutions and order of business to sign it, I will put it in that shape and then that gives him authority to go ahead.

Commander in Chief GALE. Do you make a motion?

Past Commander in Chief ROWND. I make a motion to that effect. [Seconded by Comrade Shumate.]

Commander in Chief GALE. You have all heard the motion that I be authorized to sign that telegram. All in favor make it manifest by raising your right hand; all opposed, to the contrary. I cannot see well enough. I guess it is carried.

(The commander in chief then signed the telegram in the presence of the encampment.)

Mrs. DARLING. This is Clara Gallagher, past national president of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. She has with her Mrs. Nellie Cessford, past department president of the Department of Iowa, and Mrs. Ruby Connelly, department president of Maine.

Mrs. GALLAGHER. We are very, very happy to bring you the greetings from the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. It is my very happy privilege to bring you the greetings of the national president, Gladys Sallman, Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

We are very, very happy to see so many of you here today. We hope that you, Comrade Gale, and the rest of the comrades will have a very, very happy and enjoyable encampment. We do hope that you will be with us for many, many more years.

I also wish to extend my personal greetings. I want you all to know, comrades, that the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War are behind you 100 percent. At any time that we can do anything we hope to do so. I also would like to offer my personal greetings. And this gift comes from the national president, Mrs. Sallman, to you, Comrade Gale.

Commander in Chief GALE. Thank you. Thank you. My thanks to them.

Mrs. DARLING. Commander in chief, this is the greetings committee from the Federated Patriotic Societies: Mrs. Laura I. Smith past national president, Woman's Relief Corps; Mrs. Sarah J. Ehrmann, past national president, Ladies of the G. A. R.; Mrs. Edith Nile, past national president, Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans; C. Leroy Stoudt, past commander in chief, Sons of Union Veterans; and Dr. Ralph R. Barrett, past commander in chief, Sons of Union Veterans.

Commander in Chief GALE. We thank you for this message that you bring to us. I am sure that we appreciate it.

Mr. STOUT. Commander in chief, comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, we come today, not representing the Federated Patriotic Societies, but we come representing your allied orders of the Grand Army of the Republic. You will notice that in our group we have the past national presidents of each of your organizations—your Relief Corps, your Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, your Sons of Veterans, and your Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary, who have been laboring for 60 years in the interest of the Grand Army of the Republic. True, and only too true is it, that there have been times when we have not done just as you gentlemen wanted us. We all make mistakes. We have made mistakes. We realize it. But there is one thing that I want to impress upon you, and each and every one of you, that regardless of our faults and regardless of what we have done, we have been sincere in trying to live up to our obligations of keeping alive the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Up to this time you boys have done a grand job in carrying on your work and in helping out. You have arranged for the encampments each year and have done a noble job of it. The time has come, or soon will come, when you can no longer do that, and it is now our thought that something must be done in order to keep the Grand Army family together. Therefore, we feel that if we were as one unit still working together in the interest of the Grand Army of the Republic to keep alive your memory, we can do better if we were cemented together—not in one organization but as all organizations to still keep together the combined unity between the organizations.

And therefore we would like to ask your blessing, your approval, of us continuing together under the name of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic. We have been allowed that for 60 years, we know. We want nothing to do with the federation. That has passed out of the picture. But we would like to continue under the name of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic. We are inviting the Daughters of Veterans back into the fold. But we feel we cannot continue to use the name of the Grand Army of the Republic without your consent. There is no use saying the Daughters' organization and the Sons' cannot continue independently. They can and they will.

But I do believe that together we can do a little more in keeping alive your memory and carrying on your work. No one can ever take the place of the Grand Army of the Republic, and no one of the Sons and none of the allied organizations have that in mind. If we can in some small way carry on the work you have laid down for us to do, then we will be happy.

But we have come today not merely bringing greetings but to ask that you consider the approval of us continuing the business as the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic—not as one organization, as I pointed out; simply as a group of organizations. No organization will lose its identity. It will only be a matter of coming together for the mutual benefit of all and for the effect of keeping alive the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic. And so I pray you gentlemen that at this encampment you take favorable action with that thought in mind. Many thanks.

Mrs. DARLING. I think the commander in chief and comrades would like to have me respond to the past commander in chief of the Sons of Union Veterans and say that this organization has already taken action on the resolution asking that all allied organizations continue to meet as a united body in memory of the Grand Army of the Republic, and that a copy of this resolution will go to your convention in the morning.

Mr. STOUT. Well, that is fine. May I say to you, Commander Gale, many thanks. We do appreciate it. God bless all of you. Good luck to you, and a safe journey home.

Mrs. DARLING. Comrades, it is getting very warm and you are getting tired. So, since there are no other greetings committees, we will proceed with the regular business of the encampment. I am going to read now our memorials. [Reading memorial to Past Commander in Chief and Adjutant General Russell C. Martin, which will be found at page 143 of this journal.]

It was my very sad privilege to lay to his final resting place Past Commander in Chief George H. Jones before I came to this encampment. [Reading memorial to Past Commander in Chief George H. Jones, which will be found at page 144 of this journal.]

A motion will be in order that these memorials be received and a page reserved in the national journal.

Past Commander in Chief ROWND. I make such a motion. [Seconded by Comrade Shumate.]

Mrs. DARLING. It has been moved and seconded that these memorials be accepted and that the proper space be reserved for the publishing of them in the national journal. All those in favor will signify it by the usual sign. Those opposed? It is a vote.

I will now give you a report of the gifts received at the semiformal opening of the encampment on Monday evening:

From the Woman's Relief Corps: For the Grand Army, \$1,000; for the Southern Memorial Fund, \$500.

From the Ladies of the G. A. R.: \$1,000.

From the Daughters of Union Veterans: For the Grand Army, \$1,500; for the Southern Memorial Fund, \$250.

From the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War: \$500.

From the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War: \$500.

Making a total of \$4,500 for the Grand Army and \$750 for the Southern Memorial Fund. Also a love gift was given to the commander in chief from the Daughters of Union Veterans.

The commander in chief has asked somebody to make a motion that this report be received and recorded. He asks for a motion.

Past Commander in Chief ROWND. Commander in Chief, I move that the report be accepted and placed on file. [Seconded by Comrade Bennett.]

Commander in Chief, it has been moved and seconded that the report of gifts, given at the semiformal opening on Monday evening, be accepted as read. Those who favor it will signify by the usual sign. Those opposed in the same manner. It is a vote.

Now, I would like to have a motion that the greetings of the Grand Army of the Republic be extended to all these orders who have extended greetings to us today. Will somebody make such a motion and then a committee can be appointed?

Comrade JOHN R. BENNETT (Ohio). Commander, I make that motion. [Seconded by Comrade Penland.]

Mrs. DARLING. It has been moved and seconded that a committee be appointed to extend greetings to those orders that have extended greetings today. Who would you like to appoint on that committee, Commander in Chief?

Past Commander in Chief ROWND. I think the usual custom is for the secretary to write something to show our appreciation and send it to the different organizations that make these contributions.

Mrs. DARLING. I think that would be very nice. I might say if any of the comrades feel like visiting the various organizations you know that you are always more than welcome.

Past Commander in Chief ROWND. In view of the fact that this motion supersedes another, it will therefore be necessary for the party who made that motion to withdraw it, with the consent of the second, and this other will stand, of course.

Mrs. DARLING. Now, a motion is in order for us to adjourn this afternoon. Remember, comrades, that we meet in the morning for the final session to elect and install our officers. Will somebody make a motion that we adjourn?

Comrade HIRAM H. SHUMATE (Illinois). In view of the fact that there is no motion before the House, I think we better go ahead with the business and finish up the election of these officers.

Mrs. DARLING. You cannot do that because it is officially announced here. It will be a very short session in the morning. Some of these men have sat here for 2 hours or more, and it will be very much easier, and it will be over shortly in the morning.

Past Commander in Chief ROWND. Let's proceed with the regular order of business and have the meeting tomorrow.

Mrs. DARLING. Your meeting tomorrow will be at 9:30. I think we will move that down to 10.

Past Commander in Chief ROWND. I move that it be the sense of the meeting that we adjourn to meet at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. [Seconded by Comrade Bennett.]

Mrs. DARLING. All those in favor will signify it by the usual sign. Those opposed? The meeting is dismissed.

Comrades, there are some photographers here that want to get some pictures, so you just sit quietly until they arrange you, and then you will be excused. (3:10 p. m.)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29, 1946

Morning Session, 9:50 a. m.

Mrs. DARLING. We have eight veterans here. I think perhaps the meeting could be opened just for the presentation of these flowers. We can wait for any actual business until the other members arrive.

Past Commander in Chief ROWND. I move that we proceed with the business of the session.

(Nine comrades present. Comrades Shumate and Bennett, who were present on yesterday, absent.)

Commander in Chief GALE. The meeting will come to order. The chaplain will now invoke the divine blessing.

Chaplain in Chief ROWND. Let us bow our heads quietly in the presence of the Lord. We come into Thy presence this morning in simplicity of spirit, with gratitude in our hearts, and thanksgiving for the blessings that have been conferred upon this beloved Nation which we love. We ask that the spirit of Jesus Christ abide in our hearts. Bless us in our deliberations today. Go with us to our homes, and save us at last. We ask for Christ's sake. Amen.

Commander in Chief GALE. The meeting is now open for the regular business.

Mrs. DARLING. Comrades, we have with us a delegation headed by Capt. Robert E. Skelton, from Harpole Post, No. 249, of the American Legion, accompanied by Edward S. Gaillard of YMCA Post, No. 107, and Mrs. Georgianne Skelton, daughter of Capt. Robert E. Skelton.

Captain SKELTON. Beloved Commander and distinguished soldiers can Legion, accompanied by Edward S. Gaillard of YMCA Post, 107 and Tilman E. Harpole Post 249 of the American Legion it becomes my great privilege and pleasure at this time to present to you this basket of flowers from these two organizations.

These flowers will soon wither and die, but your achievements at Antietam, Vicksburg, Gettysburg, Deep Bottom, Va., and many other places bespeak your services in that great war; and we come this morning as representatives of 16,000,000 people who are grateful to you for the service you rendered to this particular group of ours. And if there is any hope that we have at this hour, it is that the blessings of Almighty God may always rest upon you, and that in your closing years you will find that each year will become the happiest year. We gratefully hail you as the finest of the finest who ever wore the uniform of this great country of ours. Mr. Commander, I salute you.

Commander in Chief GALE. I want to say to this committee that we appreciate more than words can express your interest and warm greeting to us. You carry back to your comrades this statement: In Washington where I reside we have in the city of Seattle about 25 posts of The American Legion, and they are doing wonderful work. They are the most aggressive, energetic workers that are now in the field. They are doing a wonderful work, spending millions of money in helping to educate and train young people; and they have been wonderfully good to the Grand Army and we express to them our

sincere thanks. We feel that we are honored, and greatly honored, by this visit of this committee.

Mrs. DARLING. The commander in chief has asked that at this time I read the report of the national secretary, Cora E. Gillis. [Reading:]

REPORT OF SECRETARY TO THE NATIONAL GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

SEATTLE, August 14, 1946.

Shortly after the close of the national encampment in Columbus I was requested by Katharine R. A. Flood to go to Warsaw, Ind., and pack up the supplies of the Grand Army, pending her recovery from an operation. I did not know until I arrived at Warsaw that Katharine had passed away, but I went ahead with the packing and notified the commander in chief that I would complete it and asked for shipping instructions. I spent nearly 2 weeks with Comrade Sharp, shipping the personal things to the home of Miss Flood's relatives and the balance to Seattle, Wash., charging only the actual expenses.

I was later appointed secretary and arrived in Seattle the morning of December 31 to take up my duties. After about a week an office was secured in the County-City Building and I at once got out the general orders, stationery, etc. I have prepared four general orders, and completed the work on two journals this year, the 1944 and 1945.

Because of the financial condition I cut expenses just as much as possible, did not have a telephone and refrained from using telegrams only where absolutely obliged to. Because of the distance it has been necessary to use air mail a great deal for letters going to the East. I did not make the customary charge for editing the second journal, thus eliminating an expense of \$100. During the month of June I went east to complete the plans for the national encampment, and for the month of June did not take the extra \$50 for expenses which is allowed the secretary by vote of the national council. Since March 20 I have paid the office expenses myself, because of the shortage of money. On advising the national president of the Woman's Relief Corps of the financial condition, she at once sent through a check for \$300 to help tide us over the year. The lawsuit in Minnesota has cost considerable and there will still be bills to pay in connection with that.

After consultation I decided it best to sell the office file and cabinets, thus eliminating the expense of crating and shipping east. This has been done and the money turned over to the quartermaster for deposit. The office trunk and flag box are being checked through on my ticket, thus saving a large express bill on the same, and the boxes containing the old journals will be shipped east on receipt of my shipping instructions. These have been reduced to two, and the articles that will be needed first are packed in the trunk.

It is my recommendation that the secretary be allowed to live at home in the future and the salary be cut in half, for from my experience this year I feel that another year there will be very little work to be done in the office, since there will be but the one journal to prepare. If the secretary was obliged to leave her home she would, of course, require the usual salary, but I feel that a part-time secretary can handle the work now, thus saving considerable to the organizations that supply the financial assistance. As long as the Grand Army are in existence they will require financial aid.

I have endeavored to carry on the work this year in the same manner that has been the custom, and trust that my work has been satisfactory to all concerned. It has been a hard year, but a year of service which will long be remembered.

Yours in fraternity, charity, and loyalty,

CORA E. GILLIS, *Secretary*.

Commander in Chief GALE. I might add, before taking action, that Cora Gillis has made a good secretary, and she is deserving of all credit. That covers the whole ground. Now, what action will you take on this report?

Past Commander in Chief ROWND. Commander in Chief, I move that we accept the report as submitted, including the recommendations which she makes.

Commander in Chief GALE. Do I hear a second? [Seconded by Comrade Penland.] You have heard the motion. It is not neces-

sary to repeat it. All in favor will make it manifest by raising their right hand. All opposed by the same sign. Unanimously accepted.

Mrs. DARLING. It is understood I am not speaking. When I speak it is the commander in chief speaking. I am simply his voice. Now comes the question about the next encampment. It has been customary to read and consider invitations which are received as to the place, and the time later decided upon. At the present time we have but one formal invitation, which I will read:

BOSTON, MASS.

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
National Encampment,
Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis, Ind.:

If there is to be another national encampment of the GAR, Boston desires to extend an invitation for your forty-seventh session. This great historic center would be a fit location for the final encampment. Boston has every facility, including 10,000 hotel rooms, adequate meeting halls to meet your requirements. We will welcome the opportunity to submit a detailed bid for your next meeting.

JAMES A. MORRISON,
Manager Convention Bureau,
Chamber of Commerce.

I might add that action was taken in this body several years ago to the effect that future encampments would be placed in a central location, thus eliminating the necessity for any comrade traveling the breadth or length of the United States. Unless that rule be set aside by a newer rule, it would mean that we would graciously acknowledge the invitation from Boston with the explanation that it would be impossible to accept. What is your pleasure?

Past Commander in Chief ROWND. Commander in Chief, I move it is the sense of this meeting that we extend our appreciation for the invitation from Boston. And I move that all other communications and bids for the organization be referred to the executive committee.

Commander in Chief GALE. Do I hear a second to that motion? [Seconded by Comrade Grate.] You have heard the motion. All in favor will make it manifest by the same sign. The motion is carried.

Mrs. DARLING. There being no other business to be taken care of at this time, we will proceed with the election of officers. I will call the roll. You will nominate and elect. The first nomination is for commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. Are there any nominations?

(The roll of departments was called without response until Ohio was reached.)

Past Commander in Chief ROWND. Commander in Chief, I want to present to this session a representative of Ohio, a man whom I have known for a number of years, who possesses the necessary qualifications for this honor, a man who is well known, and his conduct as a veteran has inspired the confidence of the people in his State and of those that know him; and I take very great pleasure in presenting the name of John Grate, whom you all know, and I personally will vouch for his character and his fitness and his manhood for this honor.

(Comrade Bennett enters the encampment.)

Commander in Chief GALE. Do I hear a second to the nomination?

Mrs. DARLING. It has been moved and seconded that John Grate, of the Department of Ohio, be placed in the office of national commander in chief, Grand Army of the Republic. Has Oregon a candidate? Washington and Alaska? None.

There being but one candidate, may we suspend the rules and cast the unanimous ballot for Comrade John Grate?

Past Commander in Chief ROWND. Commander in Chief, I move the suspension of the rules. [Seconded by Comrade Adams.]

Mrs. DARLING. Moved and seconded that the rules be suspended and a single ballot be cast for Comrade John Grate for the office of commander in chief.

Commander in Chief GALE. That is the motion. Those in favor will say "aye." Opposed, "no." It is carried.

Mrs. DARLING. In behalf of the adjutant general I cast the unanimous vote of the encampment for John H. Grate, national commander, Grand Army of the Republic.

Commander in Chief GALE. I declare Comrade Grate duly elected commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Mrs. DARLING. Now Senior Vice Commander. When your State is called if you have a nomination stand and make the nomination.

(The roll of departments was called without response, except from the Department of Ohio.)

Comrade GRATE. I want to offer the nomination of Comrade Penland for senior vice commander. [Seconded by Past Commander in Chief Rownd.]

Mrs. DARLING. There being only one nomination, a motion is in order to suspend the rules. There is only one candidate and we want to suspend the rules so we can cast the unanimous ballot.

Past Commander in Chief ROWND. Commander in Chief, I move the suspension of the rules and that we elect by acclamation the comrade whose name has been presented.

Mrs. DARLING. The commander in chief wants a second to that nomination. [Seconded by Comrade Adams.]

It has been moved and seconded that the rules be suspended and that a single ballot be cast for Comrade Theodore Penland, of Portland, Oreg., for the office of senior vice commander in chief.

Commander in Chief GALE. You have heard the motion. All in favor will make it manifest by raising the right hand. Opposed, the same sign. It is unanimous.

Mrs. DARLING. Comrade Penland, since there is no opposition, I cast the unanimous ballot for Comrade Theodore A. Penland, Portland, Oreg., for the office of senior vice commander in chief.

Commander in Chief GALE. I declare Comrade Penland duly elected senior vice commander in chief.

Comrade PENLAND. Many thanks to all of you.

Mrs. DARLING. I will now call the roll for nominations for the office of junior vice commander in chief.

(The roll of department was called without response, except from the Department of Indiana.)

Comrade ADAMS. I take pleasure in nominating Comrade Orlando LeValley for junior vice commander. [Seconded by Past Commander in Chief Rownd.]

Mrs. DARLING. There being no other candidate, a motion is in order to suspend the rules so that a single ballot can be cast for Comrade Orlando LeValley for the office of junior vice commander in chief. A motion is in order.

Past Commander in Chief ROWND. I am embarrassed to carry on this part of the business. Nobody else seems to want to make a motion. But I move that the rules be suspended and the secretary be authorized to cast one vote for the candidate nominated. I make that motion.

Commander in Chief GALE. It has been moved and seconded for the rest of the nominations, in case there is but a single candidate, that the rules and regulations be set aside and that a single ballot be cast each time for the candidate. All those in favor will signify by raising their right hand. Contrary minded, the same way. [Carried.]

Mrs. DARLING. There being no other candidate, in behalf of the adjutant general, I cast the unanimous ballot for Orlando LeValley for the office of junior vice commander in chief.

Commander in Chief GALE. I declare Orlando LeValley elected to the office of junior vice commander in chief.

Mrs. DARLING. We come now to the office of dignity for election. Nominations for the office of chaplain in chief, Grand Army of the Republic, are in order. I will call the roll.

(The roll of departments was called, without response except from the Department of Ohio.)

Comrade GRATE. I nominate Comrade Robert Rownd.

Mrs. DARLING. Is there a second to the nomination? [Seconded by Comrade Penland.] It has been moved and seconded that Comrade Robert M. Rownd, past commander in chief, present chaplain in chief, be reelected to the office of chaplain in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. All those in favor of Comrade Rownd will signify it by the usual sign. Opposed? There being no other nominations, I cast the unanimous ballot, in behalf of the adjutant general, for Comrade Robert M. Rownd, past commander in chief, for the office of chaplain in chief, Grand Army of the Republic.

Commander in Chief GALE. I am certainly happy that I can announce that Robert M. Rownd has been elected chaplain in chief for the Grand Army of the Republic.

Mrs. DARLING. We come now to the council of administration. It seems to be the wise policy that the present council be retained, with other members to be supplied by the commander in chief. A motion is in order to that effect.

Past Commander in Chief ROWND. I make such a motion that the present council be reelected. [Second by Comrade Adams.]

Mrs. DARLING. It has been moved and seconded that the present council be retained, with members needed to be supplied by the new commander in chief. All those in favor will signify by the usual sign. Opposed? [Carried.]

Comrades, the Daughters of Union Veterans are at the door wishing to bring greetings.

Commander in Chief GALE. Please admit the Daughters of Union Veterans.

Mrs. DORIS MERRYMAN, past national president. The Daughters are just here to pay their respects. The Daughters's president, Mrs. Emma McLaughlin, has sent this gift to you. It is filled with her love and

respect, and we as Daughters extend to you our love. We appreciate what you have done for us through the years. You represent our own daddies. Don't think, young man, because you are the commander in chief, that you are the only one to receive a gift. That comes from the president. That is your own. Our girls are going to give these gentlemen here a gift from the national organization, and you will find inside that they are filled—just filled with kisses from the Daughters. We love you and we are so glad to come to you, and we hope you will all be here next year, because we are coming back and we will bring you something next year.

Miss HELEN HOAG, department president of New York. I just want to add my very good wishes to all and hope you will have many happy years. I assure you that it was an honor to be able to come here and bring the greetings of the Daughters.

Commander in Chief GALE. I would like to give some of these others a chance to respond, if they wish. Now to you Daughters I want to say that no matter if all the world was to desert us, as they won't, but if such a thing should be, our Daughters will ever prove true. We can depend on them to keep our memory fresh in the minds of the people for all time. We thank you for this visit and feel that we are honored by being visited by you and receiving from you your kindly expression.

Mrs. ANNAMAE D. BERHALTER, department president of Pennsylvania. My dear comrades, I should like to just join with the other members of the committee in bringing my good wishes to you. And, Commander in Chief, I want to tell you that your Daughters will never desert you. The Daughters have stuck to you; the granddaughters also will do it; and I am proud to say that the great granddaughters will also, because I am a great granddaughter, and I know that the great granddaughters and those who follow us will carry on in the grand traditions of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Mrs. MERRYMAN. We don't want to take up your time. I know you want to finish your business. We thank you for the privilege of coming to the Grand Army of the Republic. It is one of the rare, rare things that we shall always remember. Thank you.

(The committee retires.)

Mrs. DARLING. At this time, comrades, we have quite a number of messages, and if I may be permitted to sit down a minute I will read these telegrams. [Reading:]

HIRAM R. GALE,

*Commander in Chief, Grand Army of the Republic,
Indianapolis, Ind.*

The city of Clear Lake, Iowa, and Clear Lake Chamber of Commerce cordially invites you and the Boys in Blue of the GAR to hold your eighty-first encampment here. Our State this year is 100 years old. Our town next year will be 98 years old. We want you to be with us.

CLEAR LAKE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

It has already been moved that these invitations be placed in the hands of the executive committee.

This is from Shelbyville, Ind. [reading]:

HIRAM R. GALE, COMMANDER IN CHIEF, AND COMRADES:

We of Victory Post, No. 70, American Legion, of Shelbyville, Ind., salute you.

FRANK W. BOYD, *Adjutant.*

CHICAGO, ILL.

Greetings to all attending the eightieth national encampment. May you enjoy many more.

THOMAS L. BEEM,
Military Aide, Illinois Department, GAR.

SEATTLE, WASH.

COMMANDER IN CHIEF,
Care GAR Convention Hall, Indianapolis:

Greetings. May your encampment and reunion be most enjoyable.

EARL B. KAMHOUT,
Commander, Lieutenant Jas. M. Eaglesson Post, No. 1416, VFW.

I think we will wait now for the rest of the delegations. The National Woman's Relief Corps is bringing greetings.

Commander in Chief GALE. They will be admitted.

Mrs. DARLING. I explained to them that when I talk I am not talking, you are talking—so it is all right.

Commander in Chief GALE. Yes; I am glad to have you, because you can hear so much better.

Mrs. DARLING. Here is one from Tacoma, Wash. [reading]:

HIRAM R. GALE,
Commander in Chief, Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis, Ind:

Wishing you a fine and successful convention. With all our love.

FRANCES and FRANKIE.

Who are Frances and Frankie?

Commander in Chief GALE. Frances is Frances Haskell. She has recently been national president of the Ladies of the GAR, and a very active member. I would say that the Ladies of the GAR of the Department of Washington have established a home for old ladies that could not get into the Soldiers' Home, the Veterans' Home. They have taken care now for 20 years or more of somewhere in the neighborhood of 40 old ladies. They have got a beautiful home, a home that belonged to one of the pioneers. The other party is a niece, I think—possibly a daughter. I am a little uncertain. She is related, anyway. They have done a wonderful work. Frances Haskell has been in the legislature and is a very prominent and a very able woman, and a story teller. We don't feel when she is present that the meeting is complete without some stories from her. She is a great help to us out there.

Mrs. DARLING. Here is one from C. E. Foster, Aurora, Colo., reporting the finding of a veteran's dress hat on US 40, and extending congratulations and best wishes to all present and absent at 1946 encampment.

One from New York, addressed to the commander in chief [reading]:

Heartfelt greetings and best wishes to the men who preserved our Nation a union and entertaining hosts of Indiana. I garlanded the path of thousands at Indiana convention years ago, and as long as the Grand Army of the Republic spirit inspires our Nation we shall not fail to keep Old Glory safe and sane for democracy. God bless you and your allied families safely.

Yours in fraternity, charity, and loyalty,

LAURA B. PRISK,
*Mother of National Flag Day,
247 West One Hundred and Third Street, New York 25, N. Y.*

Communications were also received from Sophie E. Marth, Minneapolis, Minn.; Martha Knox Tummelson, Champaign, Ill.; Sallie Hickam, Indianapolis, Ind.; and Capt. Henry W. Gerber, national commander, Army and Navy Union, USA, Hotel Pfister, Milwaukee, Wis.; Woman's Relief Corps and Daughters of Union Veterans of Portland, Oreg.

Mrs. DARLING. Commander in Chief, the Woman's Relief Corps committee, Mrs. Zeller and others.

Mrs. ZELLER. Commander in Chief, this is Ellenore M. Zeller, National President of the Woman's Relief Corps, and my committee of past national presidents. We come to bring greetings to you. I will just present them, although I know that you know every one of them.

Mrs. Basham, of Iowa; Mrs. Catherine McBride Hoster, of Indiana; Mrs. Emma W. Campbell, of Minnesota; Mrs. Annie Poole Atwood, of Massachusetts; Miss Beatrice Tyson, of New York; Mrs. Lizetta Coady, of Michigan; Mrs. Mary J. Love, of Kentucky; Mrs. Ida Heacock Baker, of Kansas; Mrs. Grace Houlette Hahn, of Florida; Mrs. May Luchsinger, of Wisconsin; and Mrs. Laura I. Smith, of Providence, R. I.

Mrs. SMITH. From the Atlantic to the Pacific.

Commander in Chief GALE. I am glad that they were introduced, so that my comrades might know their names.

Mrs. ZELLER. My dear Commander, I bring to you and your staff, to all past commanders in chief and to the comrades attending this eightieth encampment the sincere and loving greetings of your Auxiliary, the National Woman's Relief Corps. As residents and neighbors of two great western States my hand extends in friendly greeting to you, with wishes galore for your happiness. You know the old saying, "After man came woman and she has been after him ever since." That has been the case with your Auxiliary. "Where thou goest I will go." So for 64 years we have met at convention at the same time and place of your encampment.

Our password this year, "Be worthy," expresses our exact attitude to you, our venerable comrades. That has always been our desire, to be worthy of the great honor conferred upon us so many years ago and which we have so jealously guarded through the succeeding years.

This year has been a rather difficult one, as we are still under some of the influences of the late war. But we want you to know that we are still just as loyal and just as interested in your welfare as we have always been, and will continue to be so as long as any of our beloved comrades remain with us, because "Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic" is no idle boast, and means everything to us.

And now, Commander, may I present to you the report of the work accomplished by our members during the past short term, and I also wish to present to you a very small personal gift, with my sincere good wishes for your continued good health.

THE REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT, NATIONAL WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS

Number of departments_____	35
Number of provisional departments_____	2
Number of detached corps_____	18
Number of corps_____	1, 506
Number of members_____	79, 857
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Expended for patriotic work_____	\$47, 393. 16
Given to local Grand Army posts_____	1, 229. 50
Spanish War veterans and nurses_____	241. 27
Soldiers' homes_____	4, 299. 17
Soldiers' widows' homes_____	4, 228. 20
Soldiers' orphans' homes_____	770. 17
Educational purposes_____	900. 00
Child welfare_____	3, 105. 46
Memorial Day_____	255. 77
War work_____	14, 706. 68
Civil War veterans and families_____	1, 498. 60
World War veterans and nurses_____	7, 449. 96
Furnished articles to hospitals and rehabilitation of wounded veterans—Vermont, Minnesota, New York, Iowa, Indiana, and Missouri: Articles furnished to hospitals for rehabilitation of wounded veterans _____	3, 421. 22
Respectfully submitted.	

ELLENORE M. ZELLER,
National President.

Commander in Chief GALE. Are there any of the others that would like to say a word?

Mrs. ZELLER. They prefer not to, I believe, Commander.

Commander in Chief GALE. I would like to have some of the comrades that would like to speak. I want to give them a chance. Is there any one of you, comrades?

Past Commander in Chief ROWND. Commander in Chief, I am very happy to respond and express our deep appreciation for one of the finest reports that I have ever heard, both in detail and the complete report. It is so rare in business organizations to ever have any balance whatever, and in this respect it surpasses anything that I have ever known.

And more than that, it would be the rarest thing in the world to find any organization who would represent the fine spirit and the love of our father organizations that these women have for the Grand Army. There is not one of us here today—we would not have any organization if it had not been for the liberal contributions made. Not only the contributions, but from the heart which represents those contributions. God bless this organization.

We are deeply interested in the welfare of the organization, and Mrs. Rownd, who passed to the richer and fuller life at the age of 94, was an active member, a consistent member, and always spoke so kindly of the spirit of the ladies that we all love. God bless them.

Commander in Chief GALE. That is very fine, Comrade Rownd. I wish to say, ladies, that we all approve heartily of what our comrade has said to you.

Mrs. DARLING. Mrs. Zeller, the commander in chief wishes me to correct a report which was given in our meeting yesterday. When the gifts were presented at the campfire, Mrs. Zeller presented her gift saying, "One thousand and five hundred dollars." That was taken in the shorthand minutes and was understood to mean that you had

given us one thousand and five hundred to the Southern Memorial. When I brought my note I had understood that it was \$1,500 that you had given, and \$500. When we came into the meeting yesterday it seemed that I was wrong and that was changed. And we wish at this time to correct that statement and to state that the amount which you so generously gave was \$1,500 to the Grand Army and \$500 to the Southern Memorial Fund.

Mrs. ZELLER. That is right.

Mrs. DARLING. The commander has asked me to correct the statement so that the correction will appear in the National Journal.

Mrs. ZELLER. Thank you very much. May we retire?

Past Commander in Chief ROWND. Just a moment, I want to make a motion that this report be accepted and placed on file [Seconded by Comrade Adams.]

Mrs. DARLING. Moved and seconded that the correction be placed on file. Those in favor signify it by the usual sign. [Carried.]

A motion is in order to authorize the secretary to prepare a resolution of thanks to the local people of Indianapolis. A motion is in order.

Past Commander in Chief ROWND. Commander in Chief, I move that the secretary be authorized to extend the appreciation of this encampment to the people of this community and the city authorities. [Seconded by Comrade Penland.]

Mrs. DARLING. It has been moved and seconded that the secretary be authorized to prepare a resolution of thanks to be sent to the local committees and officials and to be put into the proceedings of the encampment. All those in favor will signify it by saying "aye." Those opposed. [Carried.]

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

Whereas, the Grand Army of the Republic is meeting for the seventh time in the city of Indianapolis, Indiana; be it

Resolved, That we express our thanks and appreciation to the officials of the city of Indianapolis for their hospitality; to the Governor of the State of Indiana, Hon. Ralph Gates; to Lieutenant Governor Hon. Richard T. James for his splendid work in connection with this encampment; to the United States veterans' hospital for their able assistance; to the clergymen and others participating in our programs; to the staff at the Murat Theater; to the radio stations and the press for so graciously publicizing the encampment; and be it further

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the President of the United States and to the Congress for sending the United States Marine Band to us once more, and we sincerely thank Capt. William F. Santelmann and his boys for the fine programs which we were permitted to enjoy during the week.

Resolved, That we express our sincere thanks to Mrs. Irene Compton and her splendid committees for their work in preparing the programs, and to the Convention Bureau of Indianapolis for sending Mr. Norman Lochner to us.

Mrs. DARLING. Now we will proceed with the installation of our new officers. It is customary that a past commander in chief install.

Commander in Chief GALE. I will ask past commander in chief Rownd to install these officers.

(The following officers were then duly installed by Past Commander in Chief Rownd:)

Commander in chief, John H. Grate, Atwater, Ohio.

Senior vice commander in chief, Theodore A. Penland, Portland, Oreg.

Junior vice commander in chief, Orlando LeValley, Caro, Mich.

Chaplain in chief, Robert M. Rownd, Ripley, N. Y.

(Commander in Chief Grate assumed the chair.)

Mrs. DARLING. Comrades, this is your new commander in chief, John H. Grate. He wishes to make the following appointments:

For patriotic instructor, Albert Woolson, of Minnesota.

For quartermaster general, John C. Adams, of Indiana.

Adjutant general, John S. Dumser, of California and Nevada.

There will be a meeting of the new council of administration with your commander in chief and the heads of the other organizations in this room at 1:30 this afternoon. If you are a member of the council you will be here at 1:30 this afternoon in this room.

There being no other business in hand, a motion is in order to adjourn.

Past Commander in Chief ROWND. Commander in Chief, I move the adjournment of the eightieth encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic sine die. [Seconded by Comrade Adams.]

Mrs. DARLING. It has been moved and seconded that the eightieth encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic adjourn sine die. Those in favor signify it by saying "Aye." Those opposed? The encampment is adjourned.

You understand about the council meeting this afternoon in this room at 1:30. These new officers are included in that council, so these new officers that have just been installed will be here for this meeting. (11:20 a. m.)

REPORTS OF OFFICERS
AND OF COMMITTEES



JOHN H. GRATE
SENIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF



THEODORE A. PENLAND
JUNIOR VICE COMMAMDER IN CHIEF

REPORT OF SENIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF

ATWATER, OHIO, *June 18, 1946.*

ISAAC W. SHARP,

Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.

MY DEAR COMRADE: As senior vice commander in chief, Grand Army of the Republic, I wish to submit to you my report for the past year.

While my activities have not been many, I am pleased to say that I have enjoyed my year and the honor accorded me of serving as senior vice commander in chief.

I have served the past year as commander of Ohio Department and was reelected at our encampment in Columbus the week of June 9. At this encampment I opened the meeting for the Sons of Union Veterans and attended one session of each of our allied organizations. I was honored on many occasions by the Sons of Union Veterans and their Auxiliary in Alliance, was the guest of the Elks for their Flag Day celebration, and was greeted by our Governor. I participated in our Memorial Day services, with the assistance of the Daughters and Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

It has been a pleasure to be on the national staff and I want to thank my comrades for this honor.

Sincerely yours in fraternity, charity, and loyalty,

JOHN H. GRATE,
Senior Vice Commander in Chief.

REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF

PORTLAND, OREG., *July 8, 1946.*

ISAAC W. SHARP,

Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.

MY DEAR COMRADE: I have the honor to submit the following report of my year's activities:

On my return from the national encampment in Columbus, I visited my granddaughter in California and while there attended several meetings of the allied organizations in San Diego and Los Angeles.

On December 16 I attended the Daughters of Union Veterans birthday party in Portland and in January attended the installations of the Daughters, Ladies of the Grand Army, and the Woman's Relief Corps.

On January 29 I was honored with a birthday party at the courthouse in observance of my ninety-seven birthday. All allied orders were represented and the department president of the Woman's Relief Corps was in charge of the party, which was deeply appreciated.

In February it was my pleasure to be in the receiving line with the Governor and Mrs. Snell, honoring the national president of the Relief Corps, Mrs. Ellenore M. Zeller. On February 12 I attended the Lincoln's Day tea given by the Daughters of Union Veterans at Salem. On February 21 a program was given honoring the birthdays of Washington and Lincoln, at my request.

In March I assisted at a flag presentation to the Campfire Girls by Tent 8 and on March 29 attended a meeting of the Parent-Teachers' Association when Tent No. 1 of the Daughters of Union Veterans presented five classroom flags to this school. April 6 I broadcast on the Army Day program; April 28 attended reception for national president of the Daughters. On Memorial Day I was the honorary chairman and participated in the unveiling of the monument in the Grand Army Cemetery and in June attended the conventions in Oregon and Washington, thus ending a very busy year.

I wish to thank my comrades for electing me to this office and assure you that I appreciate this honor.

Yours in fraternity, charity, and loyalty,

THEODORE A. PENLAND,
Junior Vice Commander in Chief.



ROBERT M. ROWND
CHAPLAIN IN CHIEF



ISAAC W. SHARP
ADJUTANT GENERAL

REPORT OF CHAPLAIN IN CHIEF

RIPLEY, N. Y., *July 12, 1946.*

ISAAC W. SHARP,

Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.

MY DEAR COMRADE: In accordance with the rules and regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic, I herewith submit my report as chaplain in chief.

Because of the lack of officers in the various departments now, few reports are received from department chaplains.

I attended my own department encampment in Rochester the week of June 9 and had a very enjoyable time.

I participated in Memorial Day services as usual, attending the services on Sunday, May 26, and also the regular Memorial Day services in Ripley at the high school and accompanied the American Legion to the cemeteries, acting as chaplain.

I have at all times endeavored to fill the office with dignity, and appreciate the honor that was given to me at the last national encampment by my comrades.

Yours in fraternity, charity, and loyalty,

ROBERT M. ROWND,
Chaplain in Chief.

REPORT OF ADJUTANT GENERAL

WARSAW, IND., *July 1, 1946.*

HIRAM R. GALE,

Commander in Chief, Grand Army of the Republic.

MY DEAR COMMANDER IN CHIEF: Following the death of Adjutant General Russell C. Martin, I assumed the office on January 4 and appreciate the honor which was given to my department and myself in this appointment.

This year has seen the passing of many of my comrades, but I am glad that so many posts and departments are still carrying on. With the passing of Comrade Ira Stormes last fall, the Department of Utah was closed, and the New Jersey Department was closed with the passing of Commander William H. Perrine. June 24 saw the end of the Department of Delaware with the death of Commander Isaiah Fassett, and on June 28 the department commander of Idaho, Comrade Israel Broadsword, decided he could no longer carry on because of age and poor health. He is becoming a member at large, however.

The following is a summary of the gains and losses during the year ending December 31, 1946:

	Members	Posts
In good standing Dec. 31, 1944-----	163	73
Gains by muster, transfer, and reinstatement-----	4	3
Total-----	167	76
Loss by death-----	64	19
Total in good standing Dec. 31, 1945-----	103	57

Since the first of the year 16 comrades have answered the last roll call, leaving a membership on July 1 of 87.

I include in this report the consolidated report of posts and membership of the Grand Army of the Republic for the year ending December 31, 1945.

I regret that my health has not permitted me to be active this year, but my thoughts and prayers have been with my comrades at all times. The loyalty of our allied organizations has been deeply appreciated.

I wish to express my appreciation to our secretary, Miss Cora E. Gillis, who took over the work of our beloved secretary, Katharine R. A. Flood, this year. Her training under our Katharine made it

possible for her to carry on this work and to lighten the burdens of our officers.

To you, Commander in Chief, I express my thanks for the honor given me and trust your year has been a happy one.

Yours in fraternity, charity, and loyalty,

ISAAC W. SHARP,
Adjutant General.

Consolidated report of posts and membership of the Grand Army of the Republic, showing gains and losses for the year ending Dec. 31, 1945

Departments	Dec. 31, 1944		Dec. 31, 1945		Posts		Members	
	Posts	Mem- bers	Posts	Mem- bers	Gain	Loss	Gain	Loss
California and Nevada-----	12	26	8	13	-----	4	-----	13
Colorado and Wyoming-----	3	5	3	3	-----	-----	1	3
Connecticut-----	2	2	2	2	-----	-----	-----	-----
Delaware-----	1	1	1	1	-----	-----	-----	-----
Florida-----	1	1	0	0	-----	1	-----	1
Idaho-----	0	1	0	1	-----	-----	-----	-----
Illinois-----	7	12	4	7	-----	3	-----	5
Indiana-----	5	8	5	7	-----	-----	-----	1
Iowa-----	0	13	0	5	-----	-----	-----	8
Kansas-----	1	5	1	3	-----	-----	-----	2
Kentucky-----	0	3	0	3	-----	-----	-----	-----
Maine-----	5	6	4	4	-----	1	-----	2
Massachusetts-----	1	2	0	1	-----	1	-----	1
Michigan-----	5	12	4	7	-----	1	-----	5
Minnesota-----	2	6	1	3	-----	1	-----	3
Missouri-----	1	5	0	3	-----	1	-----	2
New Hampshire-----	1	1	0	0	-----	1	-----	1
Nebraska-----	3	4	3	3	-----	-----	-----	1
New Jersey-----	1	2	0	0	-----	1	-----	2
New York-----	5	6	4	4	-----	1	-----	2
Ohio-----	7	12	7	10	-----	-----	-----	2
Oklahoma-----	0	10	0	7	-----	-----	-----	3
Oregon-----	0	1	0	1	-----	-----	-----	-----
Pennsylvania-----	2	3	4	5	2	-----	2	-----
Utah-----	1	1	0	0	-----	1	-----	1
Washington and Alaska-----	4	8	4	4	-----	-----	-----	4
Wisconsin-----	3	7	2	6	1	2	1	2
Aggregate-----	73	163	57	103	3	19	4	64
Net loss-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	16	-----	60

REPORT OF QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

JONESBORO, IND.,
July 26, 1946.

ISAAC W. SHARP,
Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.

MY DEAR COMRADE: Having had the extreme honor of serving the Grand Army of the Republic as their quartermaster General under your leadership last year, I feel just as highly honored to be able to address this, my report for this year, to you as our adjutant general.

On behalf of the Department of Indiana, Grand Army of the Republic, and myself, I wish to express sincere thanks to our secretary, Mrs. Irene Compton, who has so capably handled the affairs of the office and done the work of keeping the books, and shipped supplies whenever ordered. I am very grateful and truly relieved to have had her care for this work in her efficient and willing manner.

Again desiring to express my appreciation of this honor conferred on me, I wish to submit the following report.

Cordially yours in fraternity, charity and love,

JOHN C. ADAMS,
Quartermaster General.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

Transcript of books, Aug. 15, to Oct. 3, 1945

Cash balance as reported to seventy-ninth national encampment-----	\$581. 33
To be credited as follows:	
General fund-----	\$412. 19
Southern memorial-----	169. 14
Subsequent receipts:	
Robert M. Rownd, from permanent fund-----	606. 28
Zola Miller Donahue, refund from southern memorial fund -----	42. 10
Woman's Relief Corps-----	1, 000. 00
Woman's Relief Corps, for southern memorial-----	500. 00
Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic-----	1, 000. 00
Daughters of Union Veterans-----	1, 500. 00
Daughters of Union Veterans for southern memorial---	400. 00
Sons of Union Veterans-----	500. 00
Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans-----	500. 00
	----- 6, 048. 38
Total -----	6, 629. 71



JOHN C. ADAMS
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

DISBURSEMENTS

Travel -----	\$100. 00	
Salaries-----	85. 66	
Expense-----	745. 25	
	<u> </u>	\$930. 91
Cash balance-----		<u>5, 698. 80</u>
To be credited as follows:		
General fund-----	\$4, 587. 56	
Southern memorial-----	1, 111. 24	
	<u> </u>	
Total-----		5, 698. 80

Statement of disbursements, Aug. 15, 1945, to Oct. 3, 1945

Date	No.	To whom paid and for what purpose	Travel	Salary	Expense
Sept. 15	71	United Telephone Co., Inc., Warsaw, Ind.: Service Sept. 1-30, \$3.75; tax, \$0.56; long-distance calls, \$2.05; tax, \$0.51; telegrams, \$2.15; tax, \$0.54	---	---	\$9. 56
12	72	Tammy Light: Stenographic work for July, \$54.85; stenographic work for August, \$28.60; less 20 percent	---	---	66. 76
22	73	Isaac W. Sharp, cominander in chief: Advanced travel expense	\$100	---	---
22	74	Katharine R. A. Flood, national secretary: Salary, Sept. 10-30, \$100; less withholding tax, \$14.34; extra expense, \$33.34; office expense from Aug. 8: Telephones and telegrams while in Columbus, Sept. 4-11, \$5.61; postage, air mail and special, \$7.10; express, \$1.46; janitor, \$2	---	---	---
22	75	Cora E. Gillis: Fare, Jamestown to Warsaw and return, and services preparing for national encampment, \$75	---	\$85. 66	33. 34
Oct. 3	76	Walt Mabie Print: 700 General Order No. 4, \$54; air mail to departments, \$12.97; 250 encampment rolls, \$120; 250 encampment official reports, \$124	---	---	16. 17
3	77	Katharine R. A. Flood, national secretary: Expenses, 2 trips to Columbus from Warsaw; train, car, hotel, and meals, \$23.92; supplies in Warsaw, \$5.05; supplies, \$4.02; tips, \$7.25; editing Journal of National Encampment, \$100	---	---	75. 00
3	78	Deshler-Wallick Hotel: Telegrams, \$1.44; telephone calls, \$6.84; express, \$11.66; tips to be paid employees, \$10.25	---	---	310. 97
3	79	United Telephone Co., Inc., Warsaw, Ind.: Service, October, \$3.75; tax, \$0.56; toll calls, \$10.40; tax, \$2.60; telegrams, \$38.60; tax, \$9.65; balance from preceding bill, \$1.56; extra telegram, \$0.94; refund, \$5.04; total, \$63.02	---	---	140. 24
		Total	100	85. 66	30. 19
					63. 02
					745. 25

ACCOUNT CURRENT

• Cash received for term ending October 3, 1945:

Balances in all funds as shown in supplemental report
dated Oct. 3, 1945:

General fund	\$4,587.56	
Southern Memorial	1,111.24	
		\$5,698.80

Subsequent receipts:

Sale of supplies	2.00	
Per capita tax	104.05	
Balance of funds from Michigan National Bank, Lansing, Mich	58.80	
Badge fund	146.00	
		310.85

6,009.65

CREDIT

Cash paid out for term ending July 15, 1946:

Travel	\$1,175.00	
Salaries	1,923.27	
Expense	1,533.90	
Southern Memorial	800.00	
		\$5,432.17

Total in all funds July 15, 1946 577.48

To be credited as follows:

General fund	\$266.24	
Southern Memorial fund	311.24	
		577.48

Statement of total receipts, sales of supplies, per capita tax, southern memorial fund, etc., for term ending July 15, 1946

Departments	Supplies	Per capita tax	General fund	South-ern me-morial	Badge fund
California and Nevada		\$13. 00			\$10
Colorado and Wyoming		3. 00			
Connecticut		2. 00			
Delaware	\$2	1. 00			10
Idaho		1. 00			
Illinois		7. 00			25
Indiana		7. 00			10
Iowa		5. 00			20
Kansas		3. 00			
Kentucky		3. 00			
Maine		4. 00			5
Massachusetts		1. 00			5
Michigan		7. 00			2
Minnesota		3. 05			10
Missouri		3. 00			5
Nebraska		3. 00			5
New York		4. 00			10
Ohio		10. 00			
Oklahoma		7. 00			5
Oregon		1. 00			
Pennsylvania		5. 00			
Washington and Alaska		5. 00			
Wisconsin		6. 00			5
Balance of funds from Michigan Na-tional Bank, Lansing, Mich			\$58. 80		
Cliff Kern, president, W. R. C., De-partment of Washington and Alaska					5
John S. Dumser					3
Robert M. Rownd					10
Theodore Penland					1
Totals	2	104. 05	58. 80		146

Statement of disbursements for term ending July 15, 1946

Date	No.	To whom paid and for what purpose	Travel	Salaries	Expense	Southern Memorial
1945						
Oct. 4	1	Hiram R. Gale, commander in chief: Advanced travel appropriation	\$200			
6	2	Collector of Internal Revenue, Boston: Tax withheld on salary of Secretary Katharine R. A. Flood, Sept. 10 to Oct. 1, 1945		\$14. 34		
20	3	Katharine R. A. Flood, national secretary: Salary for October, \$166.66; less withholding tax, \$24.80		141. 86		
27	4	For extra expense			\$50. 00	
		Cora E. Gillis: Expenses packing supplies in Warsaw, Ind., for shipment to Seattle; traveling expense, express on trunk from Columbus, Ohio, packing typewriter, postage and telegrams			63. 76	
27	5	Cancelled				
Nov. 29	6	Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul, & Pacific R. R.; Freight charges on furniture from Warsaw, Ind., to Seattle, Wash				
Dec. 24	7	Cora E. Gillis, national secretary: Advance traveling expense to Seattle, from Jamestown, N. Y.	200		81. 73	
		Telegrams, express on 1944 Journal, and postage				
24	8	Salary Dec. 15 to Dec. 31, 1945, \$83.33; less withholding tax, \$12.40		70. 93	4. 16	
		John C. Adams, quartermaster general: salary for first quarter to be paid to department secretary, GAR		25. 00		
1946						
Jan. 12	9	Collector of Internal Revenue, Boston: Tax withheld on salary of Katharine R. A. Flood for October				
12	10	Collector of Internal Revenue, Jamestown, N. Y.: Tax withheld on salary of Cora E. Gillis, from Dec. 15 to Dec. 31, 1945		24. 80		
12	11	Danes Flower Shoppe, Inc.: Spray for funeral of Katharine R. A. Flood		12. 40		
12	12	Gordon L. Elliott: Transcript of minutes of Seventy-ninth national encampment; expenses, railroad fare and tax, \$34.10; Pullman and tax, \$3.80; meals enroute, \$5.50; postage and express on transcript, \$0.90			10. 00	
11	13	Hiram R. Gale, commander in chief: Advance travel expense				
11	14	Edgar L. Gale: Secretary's salary for November and December, \$333.32; less withholding tax, \$49.60	200		244. 30	
15	15	Graham Transfer Co.: Trucking office supplies from Milwaukee R. R. to County-City Building		283. 72		
					9. 50	

Statement of disbursements for term ending July 15, 1946—Continued

Date	No.	To whom paid and for what purpose	Travel	Salaries	Expense	Southern Memorial
1946 Jan. 15	16	Underwood-Elliott-Fisher Co.: Repairs to Underwood N-11-3974686, \$11.76; Washington sales tax, \$0.35			\$12.11	
	17	Vogue Florists: Spray for funeral of Col. Russell C. Martin			9.75	
	21	Cora E. Gillis, national secretary: Salary for January, \$166.66; less withholding tax, \$24.80		\$141.86		
26	19a	For extra expense			50.00	
		James H. Willett: Invoice Jan. 16, 1946 covering services from June 11, 1945 to Nov. 10, 1945, \$557.60; less discount per letter Jan. 16, 1946, \$57.60; less items of Aug. 2, Review Publishing Co., which were paid direct to them on voucher No. 65 of Aug. 8, 1945, \$88.70				
		Collector of internal revenue, Seattle: Tax withheld on salary of E. L. Gale		49.60	411.30	
29	20	United Telephnone Co., Warsaw, Ind.: Toll calls Sept. 24-Sept. 30 to Ripley, N. Y.			2.50	
31	21	Cora E. Gillis, national secretary: Office expense for January: Supplies, \$3.27; postage, \$8.84; telegrams, \$0.96; facsimile H. R. Gale, \$4.38			17.45	
Feb. 14	22	J. M. Winters & Sons: Bond No. 412132F, Maryland Casualty Co., for quartermaster general, Feb. 16, 1946 to Feb. 16, 1947			12.50	
	23	Cora E. Gillis, national secretary: Salary for February, \$166.66; less withholding tax, \$24.80		141.86		
Mar. 19	24	Additional expenses allowed			50.00	
		Collector of internal revenue, Boston: Withholding tax on salary of Past National Secretary Katherine R. A. Flood		58.80		
		John C. Adams, quartermaster general: Salary for second quarter of 1946, to be paid to Department Secretary Irene Compton for taking care of books and supplies		25.00		
		Isaac W. Sharp: Salary as adjutant general for the second quarter of the year		25.00		
		Cora E. Gillis, national secretary: Salary for month of March, \$166.66; less withholding tax, \$24.80		141.86		
20	27	Office expense Feb. 1 to Mar. 20; telegrams, postage, and supplies			19.02	
		Extra expense allowed			50.00	

Apr.	1	28	Moulton Printing Co.: 500 letterheads, Commander-in-Chief imprinted; 200 letterheads, quartermaster general imprinted, \$7.50; 2,000 envelopes, 4 sizes, \$20.00; 500 general orders No. 1, \$6.00; 300 mailing labels, \$5.00; 700 general orders No. 2, 8 pages, \$65.00; postage and wrapping general orders No. 2, \$6.21; tax, \$3.44			113. 15	
	10	29	Withholding tax on salary of National Secretary Cora E. Gillis for months of January, February and March, 1946		74. 40		
	16	30	Cora E. Gillis, national secretary: Salary for April, less withholding tax—Editing Journal of 1944 Encampment		141. 86		
	19	31	For extra expense			100. 00	
	18	32	Zola Miller Donahoe: For Memorial Day in the South, Southern Memorial Day			50. 00	
	18	33	Hiram R. Gale, commander-in-chief: Advance traveling expense	200			\$800
	16	34	Canceled.				
May	16	35	Moulton Printing Co.: 600 general orders No. 3, 6 pages, wrapping and postage, \$64.61; imprinting 500 letterheads and tax, \$8.06			72. 67	
	16		Cora E. Gillis, national secretary: Salary for May, less withholding tax—For extra expense		141. 86		
			Advance traveling expense to arrange for national encampment in Indianapolis	175		50. 00	
June	5	36	John C. Adams, quartermaster general: Salary for third quarter to be paid to Secretary Irene Compton for keeping books and shipping supplies				
	10	37	Cora E. Gillis, national secretary: Salary for June, less withholding tax—Salary to Aug. 1, less withholding tax		25. 00		
	30	38	Extra expense for July only—Collector of internal revenue, Baltimore, Md.: Withholding tax on salary of Cora E. Gillis, national secretary, for period ending June 30, 1946		141. 86		
					141. 86	50. 00	
July	1	39	Isaac W. Sharp, adjutant general: Salary for third quarter		74. 40		
	15	40	Hiram R. Gale, commander in chief: Advance traveling expense	200	25. 00		
			Total	1, 175	1, 923. 27	1, 533. 90	800

NOTE.—Difference between actual travel expense and amount advanced on Voucher No. 7 to be applied on trip to national encampment.

Inventory of supplies in quartermaster general's office, July 15, 1945

Supplies	On hand August 1944	Issued	On hand August 1945
Rules and regulations-----	463	6	457
Amendments to rules and regulations-----	402	6	396
Rituals-----	30	1	29
Officers' cards:			
Senior vice commander-----	91	-----	91
Junior vice commander-----	47	-----	47
Chaplain-----	78	-----	78
Ode cards-----	139	-----	139
Service books-----	152	1	151
Applications for membership-----	418	-----	418
Leave of absence-----	323	-----	323
Transfers: Certificates, 518; cards, 884-----	1, 402	-----	1, 402
Discharge cards-----	650	-----	650
Charters: Department, 114; post, 133-----	247	-----	247
Descriptive books-----	37	-----	37
Blue books: 1895, 2; 1896, 1; 1902, 5-----	8	-----	8
Comrade at large certificates-----	509	-----	509
Electrotypes-----	2	1	1
Lapel buttons-----	701	3	698
Badges-----	344	3	341
Rank straps-----	565	-----	565
Form C (report of assistant adjutant general)-----	642	-----	642
Form I (requisition for supplies)-----	5	-----	5
Forms A and B (reports of adjutant and quartermaster)-----	440	-----	440
Report of post chaplain-----	119	-----	119
Report of department chaplain-----	133	-----	133



ORLANDO LEVALLEY
NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR



JOHN S. DUMSER
NATIONAL CHIEF OF STAFF

REPORT OF NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

CARO, MICH., *July 10, 1946.*

ISAAO W. SHARP,

Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.

MY DEAR COMRADE: Since the duties of the national patriotic instructor have been taken over and performed by our Auxiliary and allied organizations, I have little to report.

I have, however, attended all patriotic observances possible and extended the greetings of the Grand Army of the Republic.

I am grateful to our commander in chief, Hiram R. Gale, for the honor bestowed on me.

Yours in fraternity, charity, and loyalty,

ORLANDO LEVALLEY,
National Patriotic Instructor.

REPORT OF NATIONAL CHIEF OF STAFF

OAKLAND, CALIF., *July 1, 1946.*

ISAAC W. SHARP,

Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.

MY DEAR COMRADE: I am pleased to submit my report as national chief of staff, although at this time in our existence there is really very little for the chief of staff to do. I have attended many social affairs in my own department and was again elected department commander.

I appreciate the honor conferred upon my department and myself and trust that the blessing of God may rest upon my comrades in this encampment. I regret that it is impossible for me to meet with you, but my thoughts and prayers will be with you always.

Sincerely yours in fraternity, charity, and loyalty,

JOHN S. DUMSER,
National Chief of Staff.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
NATIONAL COUNCIL
OF ADMINISTRATION

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION,
HELD MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 1946**

The executive committee of the national council of administration, met pursuant to call, at 11:38 a. m., on Monday, August 26, 1946, in parlor B of the Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis, Ind. The following members of the committee were present:

Commander in Chief Hiram R. Gale.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief John H. Grate.

Quartermaster General John C. Adams.

Comrade Hiram H. Shumate, of Illinois.

Comrade Albert Woolson, of Minnesota.

MISS CORA E. GILLIS (national secretary, Grand Army of the Republic). This is your executive committee, commander, and the stenographer, Mr. Elliott, has the names of the men that are present.

The auditors are working on the books right now, and they probably will be able to report this afternoon at the council of administration meeting.

When I took the office of secretary for Commander Gale I knew, of course, that I was senior vice president of the Daughters and would have to attend some of their meetings; and I want permission from the Grand Army executive committee to have Mrs. Grace Darling act in my place in these meetings during the encampment as secretary. She will just act as the secretary to help you.

Commander in Chief GALE. I can see no objection.

Secretary GILLIS. As assistant secretary.

Commander in Chief GALE. We will vote that.

Secretary GILLIS. I will be here all the time I can be. Some of the time I will be over there.

Commander in Chief GALE. That will be all right.

Secretary GILLIS. I had the office in the Daughters, and I am to go in as national president this week. So I have to be over there, and I have to be here. It is hard to be in two places. Mrs. Darling is the department secretary of the State of Maine, and has been for years. That is why I asked to have her help here in my place as an assistant. When I cannot be here Mrs. Darling will be here. She knows the work better than you and I do, because she has been at it for years.

Commander in Chief GALE. That will be satisfactory, I think, to all the comrades.

Secretary GILLIS. Is there anything you want to talk to them about, Commander, at this meeting this morning?

Commander in Chief GALE. No; I don't think so.

Secretary GILLIS. This afternoon will be the council of administration, and what we do this morning will just simply be read this afternoon to be voted on by the whole council.

Commander in Chief GALE. I don't think there is anything I have to offer at this meeting. I don't think of anything. Are all the comrades on the council of administration?

Secretary GILLIS. All of the men here are on the council. There is just one at the encampment who is not. We have 10 here.

Commander in Chief GALE. I didn't expect so many. A motion to adjourn is in order. [Motion to adjourn made by Comrade Shumate, put by the commander in chief, and carried.]

If there is no objection, I adjourn the meeting to meet at 1:30 p. m. (11:46 a. m.)

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 26 1946

The National Council of Administration convened at 2 p. m., Monday, August 26, 1946, in the palm room of the Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis, Ind., Commander in Chief Hiram R. Gale presiding. In addition to the commander in chief the following members of the council were present at the meeting:

Senior Vice Commander in Chief John H. Grate.

Quartermaster General John C. Adams.

Chaplain in Chief Robert M. Rownd.

Comrade Charles L. Chappel, of California and Nevada.

Comrade Hiram H. Shumate, of Illinois.

Comrade Orlando H. LeValley, of Michigan.

Comrade Albert Woolson, of Minnesota.

Comrade William H. Osborn, of Missouri.

Secretary CORA E. GILLIS. We have very little work to do this afternoon, but we just want to take a little time to go over a few things.

I just want to give a little short report on my work this year, and tell you a little bit about finances. Our finances ran short toward the end of the year, and I have been cutting expenses just as much as possible all through the year. I did not have a telephone and I cut out all the telegrams I possibly could. In June I did not take the additional amount of \$50 which was provided for the secretary because I was away some in June at conventions, so I saved you \$50 that month.

I have edited two journals this year instead of one, and charged only for one. Before leaving Seattle I sold the furniture that we had out there, and that money is being turned over to the quartermaster's office. The boxes are all ready to be shipped east just as soon as we know where the office will be next year.

This has been a very hard year to conduct the work without Katharine Flood, but I have tried to do things just as I knew Katharine wanted them done, and I hope that my year's work has been satisfactory to the Grand Army of the Republic. Our commander in chief has been very nice to me all the year, and I appreciate the honor which he gave to me.

I think at this time we should have a prayer by our chaplain, Comrade Rownd.

Chaplain in Chief ROWND. Comrades, let us bow our heads quietly in prayer. Dear Heavenly Father, we come into Thy presence with gratitude in our hearts and with simplicity of spirit. We want to express our deep appreciation for the blessings that have been bestowed upon us.

We pray that Thou wilt be with us, that we may have Thy presence with us in our hearts in our deliberations during the encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. We pray that Thou wilt bless each

one of us. Give us wisdom that we may transact the business that may come before us, so that we may comprehend and understand the problems with which we may be confronted.

Bless us and go with us to our homes, and keep us faithful. In Jesus name we ask it. Amen.

Secretary GILLIS. I have the report of the auditing committee, [Reading:]

We have carefully examined the receipts and vouchers for expense and have compared the figures of the report as made by the quartermaster general and find the same to be correct. We highly recommend the report.

ROBERT M. ROWND,
ORLANDO LEVALLEY,
Auditing Committee.

Will someone make a motion that the report of the committee be accepted?

Comrade SHUMATE. I will make that motion. [Seconded by Comrade Grate.]

Commander in Chief GALE. It has been moved and seconded that the report of the auditing committee be accepted. All in favor of that will make it manifest by raising their right hand. All who oppose by the same sign. The motion is carried and the report is accepted.

Secretary GILLIS. Have you anything you want to say now?

Commander in Chief GALE. I don't think of anything.

Secretary GILLIS. Comrade Rownd, have you anything you want to bring up?

Chaplain in Chief ROWND. I have nothing to report.

Commander in Chief GALE. Do you know of anything to be considered?

Secretary GILLIS. I might say I have a letter from Comrade Dumser. He was not able to come this year, but he sent his greetings to all of his comrades and he hopes you will have a wonderful encampment.

I saw Comrade Sharp not very long ago, and of course he is not able to come. He has not been out of his room but four times since the last encampment and he was so disappointed that he could not come to the encampment in his own State, but he sent his greetings to all of his comrades, and I know he is thinking of you today. I mailed him a badge and a copy of the reports yesterday, so he will have that to read while you are having your meetings here.

Have any of you comrades anything to say, any business you would like to talk about now that will come up in the encampment Wednesday for action? Comrade LeValley, have you anything you want to say?

It has been customary for several years now to have the presidents of the other allied organizations come to this meeting with greetings, but I asked them this year to save your time and strength and wait until your final council meeting and then come at that time with the greetings, so that you might have a little more time to enjoy yourselves today; and they will all be with you Thursday at your final council meeting.

Commander in Chief GALE. Somebody just asked me if I had anything to say. I want to say that I have had a very pleasant year and have always had in mind my thanks to you boys for the honor you have done me. I have had a secretary that has looked after that part

of the work, and she has proved very able. It has been a very pleasant year, and whoever is elected commander in chief at this time I hope will have as pleasant a year.

I don't think now there is anything—any other business. A motion to adjourn is in order, or, to cut it short, has anyone any objection to adjourning? Hearing no objection——

Chaplain in Chief ROWND. You have already introduced the subject that has been uppermost in my heart, and I deeply appreciate the fact that we have had a person who is thoroughly capable, well qualified, and well adapted and fitted in every way for the position of the young lady whom you selected as your secretary. I simply thank you for permitting me to say this word.

Commander in Chief GALE. We are glad to have you say it. You shall have a chance, if I have got anything to say about it, to say whatever you desire to say at any time. We will be glad to hear from you.

Now, comrades, it is proper for the commander to adjourn the meeting if there is no objection. If anybody has any objection it has to come to a vote. Has anyone any objection to adjourning the meeting? If so, make it known. Not hearing any objection, I declare this meeting closed. (2:15 p. m.)

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
ADMINISTRATION, HELD IN THE PALM ROOM OF THE
CLAYPOOL HOTEL, INDIANAPOLIS, IND., THURSDAY,
AUGUST 29, 1946**

The new council of administration met pursuant to the call of the commander in chief in the Palm Room of the Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis, Ind., Thursday, August 29, 1946. The meeting was called to order by the commander in chief, who presided, at 2:10 p. m.

The following members of the council were in attendance:

Commander in Chief John H. Grate, Atwater, Ohio.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief Theodore A. Penland, Portland, Oreg.

Junior Vice Commander in Chief Orlando LeValley, Caro, Mich.

Chaplain in Chief Robert M. Rownd, Ripley, N. Y.

Quartermaster General John C. Adams, Jonesboro, Ind.

Comrade Charles L. Chappel, of California and Nevada.

Comrade Albert Woolson, of Minnesota.

Comrade John R. Bennett, of Ohio.

Comrade Hiram R. Gale, of Washington and Alaska.

Mrs. GRACE M. DARLING (secretary, Department of Maine, Grand Army of the Republic and assistant secretary, during the encampment, of the Grand Army of the Republic). Comrades, there seems to be the usual delay because of the other organizations. I understood that this was a routine meeting that comes the first session in the afternoon after the close of the business session, and it is the meeting of the council of administration.

The first item is the consideration of the budget.

Miss CORA E. GILLIS (national secretary, Grand Army of the Republic). Your budget for several years past has been fixed at \$6,500. That is so that we may use that amount if we have to. This year I have kept the expenses down about \$1,000 under last year, and I think we can decrease that amount more this year. I am recommending that my salary be cut right in half. The salary voted last year was \$2,000, and \$50 extra expenses each month. I am willing to forget the extra expenses of \$50 a month and cut the other salary right in two, making it \$1,000, provided I am allowed to live at home where my expenses will be less. I am not so very many miles from the commander in chief, drive a car, and can run over there whenever it is necessary to see him; so that the work will not be neglected in any way. Now I would like a motion on the salary of the secretary.

Comrade ROWND. Commander in Chief, I move that the appropriation for the use of the secretary for the ensuing year be fixed at \$1,000 as salary, in accordance with her suggestion or recommendation.

Mrs. DARLING. It is understood, Comrade Rownd, that the salary will be \$1,000; that also, if necessary, the amount of necessary travel will be provided for also. The travel does not come out of that \$1,000. She proposes to cut off \$1,000, unless she has to do some extra travel, and in that case there will have to be an extra amount for her for that extra travel. Do you understand that?

Comrade ROWND. Yes. I was only covering her salary. That could be submitted in a different motion, or make a motion that would embody that—whatever motion is required for her expenses. I have enough confidence in her judgment to let her fix the amount.

Secretary GILLIS. That would only be necessary travel expense if I had to go somewhere to arrange for a national convention. What little expense I would have driving over to Alliance, Ohio, I will take care of myself.

The motion has been made by Comrade Robert M. Rownd, seconded by several—Comrades Gale, Penland, and Adams—that the secretary's salary be \$1,000. All in favor use the usual voting sign. Contrary.

Commander in Chief GRATE. The motion is carried.

Secretary GILLIS. Next will be the travel expense of your commander in chief. It has been customary to allow \$800 for the traveling expense providing the commander traveled. Just what amount do you want to provide this year for your commander in chief for travel expenses?

Comrade ROWND. Commander in Chief, I recommend an appropriation of \$500 for the commander in chief.

Secretary GILLIS. Comrade Rownd has made the motion that the commander in chief be allowed \$500 for traveling expenses, provided he travels this year. [Motion seconded by Comrade Adams.] Of course that means whatever expense he has up to and including \$500. The motion has been made by Comrade Rownd, seconded by Comrade Adams, that the commander be allowed up to \$500 for travel expense this year. All those in favor make it manifest by the voting sign. Contrary?

Commander in Chief GRATE. The motion is carried.

Secretary GILLIS. It has been customary to provide a salary for your quartermaster general. That money for several years has been given to the secretary of the quartermaster general for the work which she does for keeping the books. You have been in the habit of paying \$100 for the quartermaster work. Do you want to keep that at \$100, or just what do you want?

Comrade GALE. I move that a hundred dollars be given as the salary.

Secretary GILLIS. The motion has been made by Past Commander Gale, seconded by Comrade Penland, that the quartermaster's salary be \$100 for the coming year. Are you ready for the question? All in favor? Contrary?

Commander in Chief GRATE. The quartermaster's salary is carried.

Secretary GILLIS. Now we have the adjutant general. You have been paying the same amount, \$100 per year, for salary, to him. That money is paid to the adjutant general. He gets the money and your secretary does the work.

Mrs. DARLING. It has been customary a great many years with the adjutant general.

Secretary GILLIS. Some adjutants general turned the money over to Sister Flood and some of them have not. That belongs to the adjutant general. He has to sign some papers. Do you want to continue paying that salary or not?

Comrade PENLAND. It is necessary, isn't it?

Secretary GILLIS. You can vote for it if you want to. If you don't want to vote for it that is all right. It is \$100 a year paid to the adjutant general. Do you want to make that motion that the adjutant receive that this year, \$100?

Comrade PENLAND. Yes. [Motion seconded by Comrade Rownd.]

Secretary GILLIS. Those in favor use the usual voting sign. Contrary?

Commander in Chief GRATE. The motion is carried.

Secretary GILLIS. I think we can cut your budget from \$6,500 to \$5,000 this year. Of course we will have bills in addition to this. We will have printing bills, we will have some fees to pay in the Minnesota case because I have not had the last bill from the lawyer on that. So if you cut your budget to \$5,000 if we had to have it we would use it. But I will be just as Scotch as I can this year and not use one cent more than I have to. I would like a motion on that budget, though.

Comrade ADAMS. I move.

Secretary GILLIS. Motion has been made by Comrade Adams, seconded by Comrade Penland, that the budget be \$5,000 for the coming year. All those in favor? Contrary?

Commander in Chief GRATE. The motion is carried.

Secretary GILLIS. It is just to protect you in case we have to have money to spend. We have with us the retiring president of the Daughters of Union Veterans, Mrs. Emma R. McLaughlin. I am sure you would like to hear something from her. She is just going out of office to allow me to go into office.

Mrs. McLAUGHLIN. I wish to congratulate you, Commander, and wish for you every success this coming year. If we can help you in any way we will be more than happy to do so.

I want to say to you, comrades, that I am very happy to be here. I am just leaving my office and giving it to Sister Cora Gillis, the national president of the Daughters of Union Veterans. This has been a wonderful year, and I am sure that these years to follow will be just as great. I am happy to be here this afternoon and wish for my comrades every success this year. I know you have had a wonderful convention, and if we Daughters can help you in any way at any time anywhere we shall be most happy to do so. We wish you a very, very pleasant journey home, and God bless you everyone.

Mrs. DARLING. I think it would be nice to have a speech from the new president of the Daughters of Veterans, don't you?

Commander in Chief GRATE. Sure.

Secretary GILLIS. Commander Grate, and members of the Grand Army of the Republic, first, I want to thank you for the honor you gave me yesterday when you made me your secretary again.

Mrs. DARLING. Not again, permanently.

Secretary GILLIS. I have enjoyed my year's work with Commander Gale, and I have done everything I possibly could to help the Grand Army of the Republic. I know that I am taking a double responsi-

bility this year in being the national president of the Daughters of Union Veterans and also your secretary. But from my experience the past year I am sure that I am going to be able to handle both offices and not neglect the Grand Army for 1 minute of the day. I want to thank you again for the honor you have given me.

I also want to say that for a number of years before Sister Katharine Flood died every commander in chief had my address in case anything happened to Katharine during the year. It was her wish that I go on with her work. So I am going on to the end of the organization of the Grand Army of the Republic, as I know Katharine wanted me to do.

Mrs. DARLING. Do you want to respond to that, Comrade Rownd?

Comrade ROWND. I am very happy to respond to that and the cheerful message of the lady who just preceded her, who represents one of the finest national organizations of which I have knowledge. Her administration has been a very successful one and she was worthy of the position which she held. And she is succeeded by one of the best ladies that I have ever known, a woman that is eminently fitted in every way by her high quality for the position. We can feel assured with the experience and observation that we have all had she will have one of the finest administrations in the history of her organization. [Applause.]

Secretary GILLIS. Remember, comrades, I am not just secretary to the commander in chief; I am secretary to every one of you; and if there is anything I can do for anyone of you this year I am ready to do it.

Comrade ADAMS. I think it is very unusual for her to cut her salary in half. Most of us are asking for a little bit more. We want to feel very grateful for our secretary, for cutting hers.

Mrs. CATHERINE G. SCHROEDER (retiring national president, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic). Commander in Chief, comrades, and our sisters, I just received this message about 2 minutes ago that I was to come over here. My newly elected president is Mabel Coffey, of Colorado. I am telling you comrades here today that the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic stands ready at all times to do all in their power for our beloved comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic. I, as retiring president, pledge that support to the national body of the Grand Army of the Republic. God bless our new commander in chief. I pray to the Heavenly Father to guide him and grant him health and strength and keep him, and that we may all march forward at his bidding. Thank you.

Mrs. ELLENORE M. ZELLER (retiring president of the National Woman's Relief Corps). Let me first present our new president, Mrs. Alice F. Larson, of Minot, N. Dak. She will be the national president of the Woman's Relief Corps for this year, and I know she will be just as cooperative with you, dear old comrades, as I have been. I have enjoyed my year so much, and now I am turning the office over to her. I just wish for her and I wish for you the very happiest year that you can have, and anything that the Woman's Relief Corps can do, we are at your service. Thank you all.

Mrs. DARLING. I think that you ladies might like to know that the amount of money appropriated for the budget was \$5,000. The actual expenditures as listed are \$1,000 for the secretary, plus traveling expenses if beyond the area near her home. That would mean for a

national convention or something of that sort. The commander in chief has cut his appropriation from \$800 to \$500. The quartermaster general receives \$100, the adjutant general \$100. Making a total of actual in-sight expenditures of \$1,700. There are still some bills to be paid for printing and the suit in Minnesota, which has been a very expensive experience for the Grand Army, and Miss Gillis has assured the veterans that she will keep well within the \$5,000 budget for the year.

Mrs. LARSON. Commander in Chief, comrades of the Grand Army, I have just in the last few minutes become national president of your auxiliary. As all the splendid women who have served before me have done, I pledge to you the full cooperation of the Woman's Relief Corps. We are ready, as always, to help you in any way that we can—anything that we can do to smooth the path along which you lead the way, it is our pleasure to do so. Personally, I am very happy to have reached this office while I could still have a commander in chief.

Again I say it is a privilege to be here. This is a new experience for me, the first time that I have been privileged to enter a meeting of the Grand Army of the Republic, and I assure you that I do appreciate it. Again I extend my love, the love of my organization, and the assurance that we are with you down this pathway forever. I thank you.

Commander in Chief GRATE. Thank you very much.

Comrade GALE. Commander and comrades, it has been the custom of the different officers of the different orders of women and all, that when they invite us to some of their banquets or other affairs they do not allow us to have an escort of our own. Now, I think that is all wrong. Each comrade has an escort of his own when he comes to the encampment, his own family, and they know just exactly how to take care of him and what dangers he may encounter, and our health is more than anything else. We don't want to meet with any accident, we don't want to eat food that is not proper for us, and our own escort from our own family knows just exactly what we want and we are safe in their hands and safe from accident for they will take extra care; and I don't see why, if they want us—the officers mostly—they invite all of them, but sometimes the officers—if we are not of enough account so that we can have an escort with us, then we are not enough account to go to their meetings, and I don't want to go. You know it puts us in an embarrassing position to refuse to go, and I would feel almost like refusing, because I consider my health more than all else together.

Now, I think we should take some action so that when they invite any of us that they allow us to have our own escort.

Mrs. DARLING. May I make one word of explanation? The organizations which have these banquets provide somebody to be with the veteran, and for years it has been the custom to say "the comrade." The Daughters hold a banquet known as the fathers and daughters. You can with plain arithmetic figure out what it would mean with extra escorts. The capacity of banquet rooms is now overcrowded. There is nothing imperative about any veteran attending these banquets. They are invited and they are wanted, but it is just exactly like any secret organization that has a banquet and inviting a father

or inviting a daughter. I am quite sure that it puts these organizations in an embarrassing position. It has been known over the years that the comrades were invited, and they used to come by themselves. Now they come and there is somebody who is there. I know at the Daughters' banquet the other night every single comrade had an escort to take him to the banquet table. And I just want to explain to Comrade Gale that probably over the years he has not understood that these banquets are really rather a secret organization. I am never invited to go to the Ladies of the GAR or these other things. The comrades are invited, and these organizations intend to see that they are well taken care of. I am sure every one of you veterans had an escort the other night at the Daughters' banquet. I am simply saying this in defense of these women's organizations that give these banquets, that I know that they are overtaxed as to numbers anyway. And there is nothing compulsory. No veteran has to go to these banquets. It is exactly an invitation to accept or reject. You are not going to hurt their feelings. They are trying to do something that is extra special for you. Do you understand?

Comrade GALE. One extra doesn't seem to me should interfere. Doesn't add much expense.

Mrs. DARLING. It is not expense; it is the number of people.

Comrade GALE. One extra in addition is very slight. As I repeat, I want either my son or my daughter-in-law. I want them with me. I have certain food. My daughter-in-law is a dietitian. She has studied under Hauser, the great food man, for the last 25 years, and if there is anything on that plate I should not eat, why, she will tell me about it. But that is the trouble, because all of you would not have that kind of an escort with you. But I do think that the addition of one should not make any difference. And they can have an escort also. There can be two escorts into the meeting, and before the meeting, and all of that. But allow the ones that have an escort from their own family to be along, because they will watch over them and see that they don't meet with any accident or get a fall or anything of that kind. They will certainly take keener care of them than anyone else. And there are so few of us. But the council here, of course, will consider that and whatever is done I shall govern myself accordingly. I am going to take care of my health.

Mrs. DARLING. Is there any action to be taken on Comrade Gale's plea?

Comrade ROWND. Commander in Chief, I move that this question be referred to the executive committee with power to act. [Seconded by Comrade Adams.]

Mrs. DARLING. It has been moved and seconded that this plea made by Commander in Chief Gale be referred to the executive committee. All those in favor signify it by the usual sign. Contrary minded? [Carried.]

I hope that the commander of the Sons of Veterans and the sister from the Auxiliary will pardon the scarcity of the audience. The meeting, as every year, was supposed to convene at 1:30. The national secretary is being installed as the national president of the Daughters and they held off their installation until this afternoon, and it was impossible to wait longer. Several of the Daughters were due to leave, so they have gone. If you would like to say a word?

Mr. H. HARDING HALE (past commander in chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War). Commander in Chief Grate, this is a great moment to come to the great and Grand Army that is still surviving and carrying on here in Indianapolis. I have a special feeling for you, Commander Grate, because your cousin has been the commander of the Ohio Department and I think retired only a month or two ago. And I also have the highest esteem for Past Commander in Chief Gale, whose mail sometimes comes to my office and mine to his because of the similarity of names, Commander Gale—Gale and Hale. In fact, a letter reached the hotel only yesterday that was addressed "Hiram R. Gale, Commander in Chief, Sons of Union Veterans." So we claim you, Commander Gale, on the strength of that.

But only for a moment am I going to talk. I simply want to say that we are all out for the Grand Army of the Republic, but we are not all in by any means, and we mean to carry on. I say this as past commander in chief, to be sure. New York again has the office of commander in chief in the person of Neil D. Cranmer, and he has devoted a large part of his life to doing things for the Grand Army of the Republic. So you see you could not have a better contact than that, except in Boston we have always been devoted to the Grand Army of the Republic.

I wish to see Past Commander in Chief Gale at the age of 100 years at the next meeting of your commander in chief, and he will be hale and hearty, I am sure, when Hale again meets Gale. And the same to you, sir. To be sure, we want to wish you to be in as good health at the end of your term as is this man who walks 7 or 8 miles a day, I believe, in order to maintain what I would call an excellent degree of health and heartbeat and all. But remember as to hearts, that our hearts are always with you. Thank you.

Mrs. GLADYS B. SALLMAN, past national president, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of Civil War. Sit down, Comrade Grate. You know I am just as happy as your pal Edith Nile is that you were elected commander in chief. I am so happy it was my pleasure to visit your post meeting this year in May. And when they suggested that lovely reception for you in Alliance—I am going to be there to again extend my greetings. And, Comrade Grate, I wish for you every joy. Don't work so hard. You know Ohio needs you. Don't tire yourself out. You have got a fine secretary, and let her do the work.

Comrade ROWND. I move that it is the sense of the meeting that we adjourn. [Seconded by Comrade Bennett.]

Mrs. DARLING. Those in favor say it with the hands. All right, it's a vote. (3:15 p. m.)

MEMORIAL SERVICES
UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CAMPFIRE AND PARADE

**JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICES IN MURAT THEATER,
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., SUNDAY AFTERNOON, AUGUST
25, 1946, 2:30 P. M.**

Hon. Richard T. James, Lieutenant Governor of Indiana, presiding.
(Music, United States Marine Band, Capt. William F. Santelmann, leader.)

Chairman JAMES. Members of the Grand Army of the Republic, members all of the other fine patriotic organizations allied with the Grand Army of the Republic, on behalf of the Governor of the State of Indiana, the Honorable Ralph F. Gates, and on behalf of all of our citizens of this great State, it is a real pleasure for me to extend an official welcome to you here today. We hope that your stay in Indianapolis, our State capital, will be enjoyable and beneficial.

At this time in this memorial service we will have the invocation by Rev. Albert V. Deery.

Rev. ALBERT V. DEERY (pastor, St. Augustines Church). Almighty Eternal God, be with us yet as we inaugurate this significant encampment in the same beloved city where the first was convened 80 years ago.

In this memorial hour for those beloved Boys in Blue who answered the President's call, "We are coming, Father Abraham, a hundred thousand strong," we pay imperishable tribute to those for whom taps has sounded. As long as America endures, so long shall a grateful Republic remember these gallant heroes who lived, fought, and died that we might enjoy a real, united United States.

The Grand Army of the Republic has given us a sacred legacy. We pledge forever that these dead shall not have died in vain. We shall carry on with God's help. May God bless the Grand Army of the Republic and the affiliated auxiliaries; may God be with this encampment; may God bless America, the land of the free and the home, thank God, of the Grand Army of the Republic. Amen.

Chairman JAMES. We certainly are fortunate in having with us one of the finest musical organizations in all the world, the United States Marine Band, under the direction of Capt. William F. Santelmann, and we are going to hear from them again at this time.

(Music, United States Marine Band.)

Chairman JAMES. We will now have music by the St. Joan of Arc Chorus, under the direction of Edward Krieger.

(Selection by the chorus.)

Chairman JAMES. At this time we will have the placing of the floral tributes by the heads of the different organizations.

(Floral tributes were then placed on an easel by the following officers of the allied organizations:)

Hiram R. Gale, commander in chief, Grand Army of the Republic.

Mrs. Ellenore M. Zeller, national president, Woman's Relief Corps.

Mrs. Catherine Schroeder, national president, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Mrs. Emma R. McLaughlin, national president, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

H. Harding Hale, commander in chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Mrs. Gladys B. Sallman, national president, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Mrs. Laura I. Smith, past national president, Woman's Relief Corps, in memory of Katharine R. A. Flood, national secretary, Grand Army of the Republic.

Chairman JAMES. That completes the placing of the floral tributes. At this time we will again have music by the United States Marine Band.

(Music, United States Marine Band.)

Chairman JAMES. We are privileged this afternoon to have with us the Reverend Howard J. Baumgartel, secretary of the Church Federation, who at this time will deliver the memorial address.

Reverend BAUMGARTEL. Lieutenant Governor, members of the GAR, United States Marine Band, and friends, I am sure that this is a very significant gathering because this year we meet when we have what is apparent peace throughout the world. I was just thinking as I entered this auditorium that there was little that we can say by way of a memorial. There are hundreds of addresses written and published that tell about the valor and the honor of these distinguished men, and I am sure that I am expressing the fondest sentiment and the greatest joy of our hearts this afternoon that we are glad to have some of these men of the GAR here with us, and I would just like to give you a special welcome and make you feel that in the very depths of our hearts we have the warmest feeling and appreciation for everything that you did, not only during the trying days of the Civil War but for the years after that when you became distinguished citizens and did your part in so many ways.

I read a story some time ago about the kind of memorials that we should build for what has happened in the last war. Some people want to build great stone memorials. Others want to build memorials that will somehow be for service. I want to think of another memorial that we owe to these men of the past, and that is the living memorial of the human heart. It is the greatest thanks, it is the greatest praise. But not only that, it is a deep commitment to everything that stands for the good of this great Nation of ours—its welfare, its influence, not only here within our own boundaries but throughout the world.

And being a preacher, I like to think at least that I can always talk better if I have some phrase of Scripture or chapter of Scripture to kind of stir my mind and my imagination. You know there is a story book in the Book of Kings about the rather haughty king, Ben-hadad, who sent a note to Ahab, king of Israel, and said that he would like to have all his property and his wives and his children and everything that he had. And Ahab said that he would give him that. And then he wanted to send in some secret service people and spy out the secrets of the king and his family and his servants, and Ahab balked at that and he called in all the elders and they had quite a discussion as to what they would do.

And then the story tells in a very dramatic way how a prophet came on the scene. And the prophet said, "Now, Ahab, God has given you this day and you can rout these people, you can overcome them." And Ahab said, "How am I to do it?" And the prophet said, "Thou art the man. What you want to do is to gather all the younger men, the princes." And they gathered about 240. It was quite a surprise to drunken Ben-hadad and his consorts of one kind and another that he found himself escaping on some other man's horses to save his life. And in that wonderful story there are these words: "Let not him who girdeth on his armor boast himself as him who taketh it off."

There has a lot of boasting been done in America, been a lot of boasting done in the world—what people say they can do and what they will do. We are living in a period of conflicting ideologies. One of the sad signs in America today is growing tensions—growing tensions over class, growing tension over partisanship, growing tension over race, growing tension over all kinds of ideologies.

Now, ideas are social forces. Let's not forget that. And I try to think something about some of the ideas these men of the GAR and their people had that finally, after a great deal of argument and debate and political turmoil, finally you jumped in and did the thing that ought to be done to save the Union and destroy slavery. That was a very big order, wasn't it? We never want to forget it..

We never want to forget this. Don't allow anything in America to divide the country. On the other hand, we must never allow anything in America to let one class dominate the other class, through caste or any other system. I think we want to remember that we are dedicated to the idea that here men are free. This is a country where people have come for refuge, and some of the finest people and citizens in America today, if you go back and study the manufacture of the atomic bomb, are people who moved in here from other nations and other races to find and preserve their freedom have made their contribution to our country. We always want to keep our country open; we want to make freedom as real and genuine as we can.

I have three tenets I want you to believe in. I somehow believe they are all a part of all these creeds. The first is this: I believe in God the Father. That, I think, is the fundamental thing that we must all believe in, no matter who we are, what creed, what faith, what race, what political party, we must continue to believe in one living God. Let us remember that our Bible tells us that he is the Father of us all. Our liberty, our destiny, our statehood, our laws if they are genuine laws, are written in His divine nature. Let us not forget that.

The second thing that I believe in with all my heart is this: That in the midst of order and disorder such as we have even today the divine redemptive process of God is going on. He still is sifting out the wheat from the chaff, and He is changing empires. Not only have ancient empires fallen but more of them will fall because God is in the process of history or change. I believe in a redemptive process of history. I think we must keep that idea forward. And I believe that the work and the spirit and the nature of Jesus Christ is working. I believe that with all my heart. Two great ideas, but I believe in another idea that is a part of our Christian culture.

It is a part of the finest in America. I believe that every man is a child of God, and as a child of God he has everlasting life, he has immortality. That makes a good deal of difference as to how I treat people, what attitude I have to my neighbor and to my fellow men.

Listen to these three great principles: We believe in God the Father; we believe that Jesus Christ is in the process of history both in order and disorder and for us all and for all mankind; we believe that we are sons of God and we are endowed with immortal life. Somehow that is a great creed; that is a great basic concept.

Tied into that is this: Our legislature over here may write laws; they may write laws in Washington; the UNO can write laws and all kinds of things. If those laws do not express the nature of God they never can work. I try to tell some politicians that, but many of them are not large enough to see that they can make a greater name and a greater destiny to see that the laws that they write reflect the nature of God, and people will take those laws and obey them. But they do not obey laws where one class tries to dominate another class for selfish interest.

Well, we have an age-old battle, and that is to keep America free, to keep it the home of the brave. And what is our memorial? It seems to me that we have a great duty to perform. We can all be better citizens. We can take a greater interest in our Government. We can interest our neighbors. We can talk to them about the important things. And I think we can invite people to our respective churches, whatever churches they may be, for all of these churches bear a living testimony to the things that I state.

And then I think we need to read a little history. I think we need to visit the great battlefields of the Civil War. We have got to go back and drink at the fountain of the inspiration of Abraham Lincoln. We need to follow more deeply why America did these great things. We need to go back to the sources that will give us the motivation to do greater things for tomorrow.

I am grateful that we have here this afternoon the men that have made this country possible. I am glad to have a representative of the Governor here, and the United States Marine Band, on this important occasion.

Patriotism is one of the great influences in the human heart, and anything that we can do to keep it pure and strong, to see that our Union always remains a union and the home of the free, will be a living memorial that we should build in human hearts.

Chairman JAMES. We thank you, Reverend, for those fine and inspiring words. At this time we will have more music by the St. Joan of Arc Chorus.

(Selections by the St. Joan of Arc Chorus.)

Chairman JAMES. Director Krieger and members of the chorus, we certainly thank you for bringing us this fine music.

At this time we will have tributes to deceased members of the Grand Army of the Republic. First we will have Robert M. Rownd, chaplain in chief, Grand Army of the Republic.

Chaplain in Chief ROWND. I was not aware until my name was announced that I was expected to have any message of any kind to deliver. But with this splendid audience and the regard that I have for your beautiful city, I might be able to find some language to express my appreciation for it.

Eighty years ago it was our privilege to visit this patriotic city, and we have been here five times since. And one of the reasons why we are here today is due to the fact, largely, of your patriotism and your good will and your record for hospitality. Thank God that I am here today, and God bless you all.

Chairman JAMES. Thank you, and we hope that you are going to be back here with us again. You know he said, "I don't need this" [indicating microphone].

Chaplain in Chief ROWND. If they are kind enough to extend us an invitation to come back again, we might favorably consider it.

Chairman JAMES. Now we will hear from the national chaplain of the Woman's Relief Corps, Fern J. Long.

Mrs. LONG. We pay tribute to the Grand Army, of which we are proud to be the Auxiliary. How easy it is to forget unless our minds are refreshed by the recurrence of anniversaries. We would call to memory the men whose lives have been given so truly in peace and war.

"Shall be in everlasting remembrance." Let us on this day—

be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us; that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom; and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

They have taken their long journey,
On that beautiful ship called Rest,
Away from the world of sorrows
To a home of eternal rest.

Chairman JAMES. Now the national chaplain of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Mary B. Cummings.

Mrs. CUMMINGS. Mr. Chairman, Commander in Chief Gale, comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, head officers of the allied organizations, distinguished guests, members, and others, with all due respect to the living, we are here today to pay our last tribute of respect to the loved ones who have passed away during the last year.

Memorial services remind us of the fact that in the midst of life there is death. These services, so hallowed in their tenderness and time-honored in custom, fill our minds with pure and holy thoughts as we pay loving tribute to those who in our Father's house have found many mansions.

Today is ours with its golden opportunities, but of tomorrow we have no promise. Since last we met death with its unrelenting hand has taken from our midst many who were near and dear to us. Many whom only a short year ago we greeted as comrades, sisters, or friends have answered the last roll call. How sad the cadence did we not know that our loved ones still live in the glorious dawn of a new life.

The duty of this day is to perpetuate in memory the deeds, historical and private, which have made the fame of American soldiers as enduring as time. History has written human bravery upon every page, but no pages read in clearer, more soul-stirring words than those from '61 to '65. The boys of our memorable sixties touched elbows, protected only by the "faded coat of blue," to meet crashing grapeshot and screaming shell in the awful venture at the cannon's mouth.

These great men of '61 to '65 will never be forgotten by those who linger to work a little longer, while their names, their faith, and their love of country on memory's page stands out so bright and clear.

God help us in noble endeavor to make our lives so sublime that they will become a most worthy tribute to the memory of your comrade and mine. The floral tribute placed by our national president, Catherine G. Schroeder, is a symbol of undying love. Only the living can honor its heroic dead.

A handful of old men walking down the village street
 In worn, brushed uniforms, their gray heads high;
 A faded flag above them, one drum to lift their feet;
 Look again, O heart of mine, and see what passes by.
 There's a vast crowd swaying there's a wild band playing,
 The streets are full of marching men, of tramping cavalry;
 Alive and young and straight again, they ride to greet a mate again,
 The gallant souls, the great souls that live eternally!
 A handful of old men walking down the highways—
 Nay, we look on heroes that march among their peers,
 The great, glad companies have swung from Heaven's highways
 And come to join their own again, across the dusty years.
 There are strong hands meeting, there are staunch hearts greeting,
 A crying of remembered names, of deeds that shall not die;
 A handful of old men? Nay, my heart, look well again;
 The spirit of America today is marching by!

Chairman JAMES. We will hear from the national chaplain of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Gertrude B. Hatcher.

Mrs. HATCHER. Mr. Chairman, Commander in Chief, and friends, it is most fitting that we, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, join with our fathers in this memorial to their comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic who have answered the last roll call, since last we met.

Another year has passed into silence, and again we come to this solemn hour to bow in humble submission to the inevitable. Each day we are reminded that death is the common fate of humanity, and we pause to pay tribute to those who were our fathers and sisters, who have passed into the Great Beyond.

We should not grieve for our loved and lost,
 For they dwell in that land so fair,
 Where the rivers flow and the flowers bloom,
 And the birds sing so sweetly there.

Our loved ones have gone to that beautiful home,
 Prepared by our Father above;
 They will gather the flowers that He has placed there,
 While they finish their mission of love.

Chairman JAMES. Now the national chaplain of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Rev. Thomas D. Abels.

Reverend ABELS. First, just the privilege of a word from H. Harding Hale, the commander in chief.

Commander in Chief H. HARDING HALE. Friends, I did not expect to be heard from, but I was reminded by our good chaplain in chief that we have one of the things that fall into the category of memorials. Your name here in Indiana has been expressed most eloquently by the marking of the Grand Army of the Republic Highway up in the northern part of the State, that every passerby along United States Route 6 may be reminded that once there was a mighty army that responded to Abraham Lincoln's call, that fought a long 4 years of strife, and brought back their flag in its integrity to a united country that might continue to this day and into perpetuity.

Reverend ABELS. I just felt quite sure that Mr. Hale could express the real thought connected with that highway much better than I could myself.

It is my very happy privilege to have just this brief word of tribute to the GAR. I certainly would not be associated with this organization, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, if there was not flowing in my own veins some of the blood and something of the spirit of the Boys in Blue.

Ever since those fateful days of 1860 and 1861, when there was rapidly coming to a head those things that were threatening the very structure of our Federal Government and threatening to destroy in the future the principles of our democracy, the very presence of the Boys in Blue has always been an inspiration and has brought us a feeling of confidence and security.

In those times, when this threat arose, there went out a call from President Lincoln for 70,000 volunteers for 3 months to put down the threatened rebellion. However, 300,000 men responded to that call and offered their services for the duration. From that time on the President, the members of his Cabinet and all others upon whose shoulders rested the responsibility of affairs, moved with confidence and assurance because they thought here was an expression of that very thing that meant the very life of the Republic.

And the Boys in Blue went out. They followed that flag on the fields of Bull Run, of Gettysburg, of Antietam, of Shiloh, of Chickamauga. They followed it from Atlanta to the sea and back again, from Richmond to Appomattox. When the final drama of a great war was ended, there seemed to sweep over the entire country a feeling that we had placed our confidence well in the Boys in Blue.

In the years that followed after, from the time of that great grand parade in Washington, when thousands upon thousands of the rank and file of the veterans who had preserved the flag and our American way and principles of life went parading down Pennsylvania Avenue, it seemed to tell to America and to all the world that "government of the people, by the people, and for the people" was not dead, but it was still living.

And then there came after that the organization of the GAR, honoring John A. Logan as the first great commander in chief, continued upon the principles that he seemed to breathe into the very rank of the GAR, which has continued to thrill and inspire the citizenry of America for generations, even from that day until this. Because most everyone here at least, except it be some of the very youngest ones in our audience today, can well remember the thrill of pride, of assurance, of confidence, something that made you feel noble and big as you watched the various Memorial Day parades when the Boys in Blue were marching, with the thrill of liberty and victory still in their eyes as they followed the flag in the parade that they had preserved upon the battlefields of '61 to '65.

And I am sure that you will agree with me this afternoon, friends, that the presence of these few remaining members of the GAR still brings to us that same spirit of confidence and assurance. Somehow or other their presence seems to me to be a living symbol of all that Americans have held dear and that we have most fondly cherished

in the days since the GAR was first called into service, and this day we need to catch and keep that spirit within our hearts.

It will be a most fateful day, a most dangerous time when America forgets the GAR. If the time should ever come when all the things that these men have lived for and have died for, it will be a sorry time if they forget those things. America today needs to catch the dauntless spirit of these men.

Certainly there is need because of circumstances that arise and confront us on every hand throughout the world that this Nation under God should have a new birth of freedom; that we ourselves here living today should dedicate ourselves to the great unfinished task of the Boys in Blue, because as long as mankind lives upon the earth there will be that need for liberty, for that spirit of equality that the memorial speaker brought out so well in his address.

We need to remember those things and keep them alive in the hearts of generations to come, so that as long as America shall endure, as long as time shall last, there will always be those who have in their hearts the feeling expressed by the poet when he said:

I love every inch of her prairie land,
Each stone in her mountain side.
I love every drop of the water pure
That flows in her rivers wide.
I love every tree, every blade of grass,
Within Columbia's gates.
The queen of the earth is the land of my birth,
My own United States.

Chairman JAMES. The next is the national chaplain of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Hattie B. Lawton.

Mrs. LAWTON. To the Grand Army of the Republic: The great Commander of us all called the roll, and many, many comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic have answered, "Here."

Death has thrown its sable mantle on many of them this past year, and the ranks have been thinned by its shadow.

Their going away has been a sorrow, but the welcome they must have received from their comrades on the other side have been for them a fitting recompense.

Many years since the conflict ended, which rendered these men immortals, their efforts for their country, their love for their flag, their staunch loyalty toward their Government, their homes, and their God, have made their going away a matter of sorrow.

It has caused some of us to think, to stop in our busy lives and wonder for whom we will pay our next tribute. These men who faced death, and were not afraid; they are gone, but we will not forget them.

We are looking westward ourselves. The sun is beginning to set, the shadows are lengthening, and soon we will answer to our call, and we will then see these comrades "face to face."

But until that time, it is not even an "au revoir," for though they are silent they still speak.

They have left behind human memorials—these men, women, and children they have helped, the country they have saved—are all memorials to them.

Although they have passed away, their example shall live in the hearts of those who loved them, and in the souls of a grateful people.

They did not live in vain, and their memories are worthy of all praise we can bestow upon them.

They have entered upon the Great Adventure. They have slipped their anchors and sailed away to the Unknown Shore where at anchor lie the craft of those comrades who have gone ahead of them.

Goodnight, brave soldier, goodnight.

Chairman JAMES. At this time we will have a tribute to Katharine R. A. Flood, national secretary of the Grand Army of the Republic. The tribute will be given by Mrs. Velma W. MacKay.

Mrs. MACKAY. Sister Katharine R. A. Flood was born in Newton, Mass., February 10, 1879. She became a member of the Mrs. A. E. Cunningham Tent 2, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, at Newton, Mass. on April 8, 1895. This is the tent of which I am a member.

In 1900 she became president; 1904-5 she served as president of the Massachusetts department; and in 1916 she was elected to the highest office of our organization, that of national president.

In 1911 she was appointed secretary to the commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. She served in this office faithfully.

On October 30, 1945, she passed away at her home in Newton. The flowers that were placed in her memory are for the loyalty and devotion she has always had for the Grand Army of the Republic.

There is an open gate, at the end of the road
Through which each must go alone,
And there is a light we cannot see,
Our Father claims His own.

Beyond the gate, our loved one
Finds happiness and rest,
And there is comfort in the thought
That a loving God knows best.

(Music, United States Marine Band.)

Chairman JAMES. At this time the Reverend Leonard C. Hunt, superintendent, Wheeler City Rescue Mission, will pronounce the benediction.

Reverend HUNT. Let us stand. Our Father in Heaven, in these hallowed moments when we remember those whom we loved in life, those who loved life more than they loved liberty, who left the pursuit of happiness that they might lay down their lives and bring to us a strong Nation and a great and noble country, we give Thee thanks.

We do remember that the Bible declares that God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.

We thank Thee for the sacrifices that these men have made that liberty might exist in this land. Let the light of Thy countenance shine upon them as they go from here. Strengthen us to the tasks of our hands and the way of a pure and noble heart.

Mankind needs men and women today like it needed them back there. They loved Thee, Lord, and received their power from Thee.

Bless us and dismiss us, and may Thy grace be upon us all. May we love Thee and lead nobler lives. The love of the Father and the spirit of God rest upon each and every one of us, now and for ever more. Amen.

Chairman JAMES. This memorial service will now be brought to a close by the sounding of taps.

(Taps, United States Marine Band.) (4:02 p. m.)

SEMIOFFICIAL MEETING HELD IN MURAT THEATER,
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., AUGUST 26, 1946, 8 P. M.

Hon. Richard T. James, Lieutenant Governor of Indiana, presiding.

Chairman JAMES. Governor Gates, Commander, ladies and gentlemen, I deeply regret the delay in commencing this meeting here tonight. As most of you know, we were rather late in finishing over at the Claypool Hotel. However, we will move the program along just as quickly as possible, and I assure you that all the introductions will be brief and the speeches on this program tonight will be short.

At this time you will all stand and we will open the meeting with the National Anthem by the United States Marine Band.

(Star Spangled Banner, United States Marine Band.)

Chairman JAMES. Invocation by the Reverend Harry Mercer, Pastor Tabernacle Presbyterian Church.

Reverend MERCER. Let us pray. Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, our help in days past, our hope for years to come, we give Thee our gratitude for every occasion that ministers to Thee. We are thankful for this gathering this evening as we come in Thy name. May we ever be mindful of the heroism and the idealism of the past. We are grateful for the sacrifices wrought in our country for its unity and for its glory, and for the preservation of our liberty and our freedom. And we bow with reverence, with deep remembrance, as we think of the gallant lives which have been laid down and which have given the full measure of blood for the preservation of our life in America. We thank Thee for the glory of our land and we pray Thy loving care for the continuance of the great influence of America for freedom, for liberty to all people irrespective of color, of creed, or of race. Keep us ever, we pray Thee, under the shadow of Thy providence. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Chairman JAMES. We are extremely fortunate tonight to have here with us the famous Murat Chanters, under the able direction of Charles R. Hamilton. The Murat Chanters at this time, please.

While they are getting ready to appear I have a letter to read. This is to all of you assembled here in convention. The letter reads:

Please extend my sincere greetings to the Grand Army of the Republic on the occasion of its eightieth national encampment.

The brave men, living and dead, who fought so magnificently to preserve our Union, have written their names in glory on the imperishable pages of the history of our country.

The cornerstone of indivisible unity on which our very Nation rests stands as an enduring monument to the valor and patriotism of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Time has thinned their ranks, but Time can never erase their proud record of service to our country.

Very sincerely yours,

HARRY S. TRUMAN.

Now you are to hear the Chanters.

(Stout Hearted Men and Recessional, Murat Temple Chanters.)

Chairman JAMES. We certainly thank you for that kind of applause. We are going to have them back with us in just a few minutes.

When we first learned you were bringing your eightieth national encampment here we immediately commenced receiving real cooperation from the chief executive of the great State of Indiana, who is here with us tonight to welcome you to Indiana. He, too, is a veteran, a veteran of World War I. Just a few years ago he served as State commander of the Indiana Department of the American Legion. It is a privilege to introduce at this time our Governor, the Honorable Ralph F. Gates. Governor Gates.

Governor GATES. Chairman James, Commander Gale, presidents and commanders of the various patriotic organizations affiliated with the Grand Army of the Republic, and members of the Grand Army of the Republic, it is indeed a great privilege and honor to welcome you to Indiana. Indiana is proud to again be the host to the Grand Army of the Republic and all these fine patriotic organizations.

Here in Indiana we pride ourselves in being the center of population, the crossroads of America, with a population of about one-half urban, one-half rural, and we think within the borders of this State, among the 3,500,000 inhabitants, that perhaps the spirit of America beats just a little stronger than perhaps it does anywhere else.

I am certain tonight, being the host of these survivors of the Grand Army of the Republic, that every Hoosier is just a little bit more patriotic than they otherwise would be.

Here in Indiana in this last war we furnished 350,000 boys and girls in World War II. In numbers that was the most that was ever furnished from the State of Indiana. It was 10 percent of the population. But in the days of the War of the Rebellion Indiana furnished 15 percent of its population to the Army of the North in that war—5 percent more than we did in these recent years.

You know I feel that Indiana owes a great deal to those men that went out from the borders of our State in that war. Most of those men belonged to the Army of the West. There were some of the earlier period that were with the Army of the Potomac, but most of our regiments fought through the South—Kentucky and Tennessee. They went to Fort Donelson and Fort McHenry, and on to Nashville. There were men in that war who followed “Uncle” Billy Sherman in that Army of the West, men from Indiana. Following Vicksburg he believed that after the Mississippi River was opened to navigation the Southland would surrender. When he came to the conclusion that that would not happen then he knew that the only way to win that war was to bring the horrors of war to the Southland.

So these men from Indiana and the other Western States marched from Memphis to Chattanooga, and up to relieve Nashville, and then back to Chattanooga, and then on to Atlanta, Ga., and then on to the sea, and back to Raleigh, N. C., at the time that Lee surrendered at Appomattox. Then soon Johnston surrendered at Raleigh, N. C., to Sherman. And then that Army of the West marched on through Richmond and on to the south shore of the Potomac, and then on to the review.

I think the greatest patriotic spectacle ever in the history of the world was that grand review at Washington, D. C. The Army of the Potomac marched the first day. The second day those boys from the West who had marched on foot 1,500 miles or better, who had not stood in formation since they left Chattanooga, marched in review. And as they came down Pennsylvania Avenue, perhaps there would be a gap, and then the second division, and this went on through the day, that great marching crowd. And then would come in ambulance with litters, the sides of which would be bloodsoaked, and the crowds along the street would stand in awe and sorrow. And they marched for a whole day.

And then they came back to Ohio and Indiana and the other Western States. And it was those men who had decided the issue as to whether there would be a divided America or not, who had borne the brunt and fought the war for the Northern side, those men that brought freedom to an enslaved race; they came to rural Indiana. And from that group came our industrialists, our business leaders, our successful farmers.

And in building Indiana they helped build the Nation, a Nation that was a secondary nation, and during that span of years they built that Nation to be the greatest Nation on the face of the earth. [Applause.]

And so it is to these men that we owe so much, and we today can only be worthy of the heritage if we will continue to follow their ideals and their principles; and if we stand forthright before the world and proclaim them the Republic will survive and her institutions will endure, and liberty and justice and freedom shall exist in this America and continue to exist.

And so, you affiliated organizations, the Grand Army of the Republic is passing from us and you have worshipped at their feet. To you who have learned their theories and their principles and their ideals, before you is a task, and that task is to teach your own generation and future generations that the heritage that we have inherited from the remnants of this group—this remnant tonight—is really the thing that has made America the great Nation that it is today.

I welcome you to Indiana. Thank you. [Applause.]

Chairman JAMES. Thank you, Governor Gates, for those fine and inspiring words. Governor Gates and Mrs. Gates will greet you tomorrow night at a reception to be held in the Governor's office in the State House.

Now at this time we have another veteran here to welcome you to the city of Indianapolis. At the present time he is serving as mayor of this city. I say he is a veteran; in fact he is one of the most famous veterans we have ever had in our State—famous because in World War I he helped lead the boys of the famous Rainbow Division he served as a general. At this time I introduce to you the mayor of Indianapolis, Gen. Robert F. Tyndall.

General TYNDALL. Comrade Gates, Commander in Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, and affiliated organizations, I am very glad to be mayor at this time and be able to welcome you here. I have been associated with the Grand Army of the Republic as long as possible. I sold sandwiches when they laid the cornerstone at the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument, and I was at the dedication of

the monument, and I have attended all of the encampments as a bystander along the line of march since that time; and I am very glad now to be mayor while you are here.

Our most able Governor has proven that he knows some of the history of the Civil War. I won't attempt to touch on that, but I will tell you that I did wear your uniform in 1898 because that was the only uniform that they wore—the blue uniform. [Applause.] That uniform and the soft hat not only came out of the warehouses, but they gave us some of your hardtack that had lived that long. And it was good, although it did not have salt in it as Stevens and the other hardtack had.

I have watched your ranks thin out from that time on. And we are proud and certainly feel honored that you have honored the city again; and while I cannot offer you anything that you want, we are offering you all the hospitality of the city and telling you that we are awfully glad to have you here. Thank you. [Applause.]

Chairman JAMES. Thank you, General Tyndall. I said a while ago that in just a few minutes we would hear the chanters again. So we are going to have them now, under the direction of Mr. Hamilton.

(The Builder and The Battle Hymn of the Republic were then sung by Murat Temple Chanters, receiving enthusiastic applause from the audience.)

Chairman JAMES. We thank the chanters for being here with us tonight and bringing this fine music.

At this time on our program we had planned to have a brief welcoming message from John C. Adams, of the Department of Indiana, Grand Army of the Republic. Mr. Adams became ill this afternoon and it is impossible for him to be here with us tonight.

At this time we will hear from the United States Marine Band, under the direction of Capt. William F. Santelmann, and they will play for us, Hail to the Chief.

(The selection announced was then played by the band.)

I know that we all want to hear a message from the commander in chief, Mr. Hiram R. Gale. All stand, please.

(The audience rises and applauds.)

Commander in Chief GALE. Mr. Chairman, His Excellency, ladies and gentlemen, I am placed at quite a disadvantage tonight because my hearing is poor and I can only hear part of what the gentlemen who have spoken here have said. So I don't know just how to word my reply as I would if I had heard what they did say. But you will overlook that.

They have welcomed you, as I understand it, to this city and promised that they would do everything for us. I will take that for granted, for I don't know that I heard any of that—that they would do everything possible to make it pleasant for us.

Well now, they could have put in their time and used their words perhaps for some other purpose, because we know, the Grand Army of the Republic knows, the reputation that Indianapolis has as a convention city. It is known all over the United States, and the Grand Army has been here before. We knew that you would treat us right. [Applause.] But we appreciate your welcome just the same.

Now I heard enough from one of the speakers to know that he was talking about the things creditable to the Grand Army and

the service they rendered during the war. We talk of the service they rendered during the war but we don't all realize, in my opinion, the service that the Grand Army of the Republic has rendered this country since the war. [Applause.]

We organized immediately after the close of the war, and we organized to take up and teach patriotism to our people, create a spirit among our people of patriotism, and patriotism is the most important thing concerning the welfare of our country. It is patriotism. [Applause.]

Any country whose people are not patriotic has never long endured, and no country can long endure without it, for patriotism is the total strength of our country. Napoleon said that, and he certainly ought to be a judge, having the military experience that he had. He said the strength of a country could be measured by the patriotism of the people of the country. [Applause.]

This country would not exist for a moment if we did not have a patriotic people in it, and a good, large number.

So we feel that we have done a great work as patriotic citizens. There are plenty of them besides those that belong to the Grand Army family. The patriotic people of this country are the best people in the world or that the world has ever known. [Applause.]

We have shown a greater friendship and a greater interest in the welfare of other countries than all other nations combined. [Applause.]

I have never been accused of telling the truth, but here tonight I feel that I am in honor bound to tell the truth. So again I say we have rendered a great service since the war; and so when you welcome us to this city and make it as splendid for us as you can, we are going to say "Thank you," and I will for the Grand Army and our affiliated orders.

And let me tell you who the affiliated orders are, or what orders we have who are going to carry on this Grand Army work after we are gone: The Woman's Relief Corps, the official auxiliary of the Grand Army of the Republic [applause]; the Ladies of the GAR [applause]; the Daughters of Veterans [applause]; and the order of Sons of Veterans and their auxiliary.

Today they are of a social nature; they don't have anything to do. The corps is, as I say, our official auxiliary. The others are associated workers with us. But they are all going to work together and carry on. And they have since '66. They have had time to learn what was necessary, and they know, and they are going to do a good work, and they are going to be a wonderful help to keep this country on its journey and keep it alive.

Well, now, I am not going to take up a whole lot of your time. So I will again thank the city of Indianapolis for the invitation to us to come here, and for the kind treatment they will give us; and I can assure you that we will carry to our homes pleasant memories of our visit here. I thank you. [Applause.]

Chairman JAMES. Commander in Chief Gale, those were certainly fine words of response.

At this time we will have several brief greetings from the heads of the allied organizations who are meeting here in convention with the Grand Army of the Republic. First, from the Woman's Relief Corps, Ellenore M. Zeller, national president.

Mrs. ZELLER. Mr. Chairman, the Governor of Indiana, and the Mayor also of this wonderful city, as we meet tonight, semiofficially, it reminds me that we are one big family, that this is sort of a reunion, a gathering of the clans as it were, of which the Woman's Relief Corps is the mother and the Grand Army is the father. Our family of veterans have increased with the years, and have proved beyond doubt that they are worthy successors of worthy sires.

Since the immortal words of Abraham Lincoln were spoken proclaiming that—

fourscore and seven years ago our fathers brought forth upon this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal—

our sons from the North and the South and the East and the West have united in the gallant defense of the country for which the Grand Army of the Republic sacrificed and died.

Today, as we pay honor to the remnant of that mighty host who through the long-distant past have been an inspiration to us, as their true auxiliary the Woman's Relief Corps wishes to present to our commander in chief for the benefit of the organization this check for \$1,500, and also a check for \$500 which they will devote to the conditions of the Southland. This will assist your buddies in carrying on as you travel along the sunset trail.

And may we always remember
That yesterday is but a dream;
Tomorrow is but a vision.
Today well lived
Makes every yesterday a dream of happiness,
And every tomorrow a vision of hope.
Let us always look, therefore, to today.

Chairman JAMES. Thank you, Mrs. Zeller. At this time the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic are represented by their president, Mrs. Catherine Schroeder.

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Chairman, our beloved comrades, and the United States Marine Band, I stand before you tonight representing one of the most outstanding patriotic organizations in this country. It was in Jersey City, N. J., in 1885 when the Grand Army of the Republic so nobly bestowed upon us one of the most priceless heritages ever given to any order of patriotic women in the United States of America. It was there that they gave us that name and the privilege to use it, the Grand Army of the Republic.

I assure you that my sister members will cooperate with me at all times to commemorate the memory of those heroes of '61 to '65, and we will always cherish that heritage.

It is my privilege for those wonderful coworkers of mine to now present to our commander in chief this check for \$1,000. [Applause.]

Chairman JAMES. Thank you, Mrs. Schroeder. It just looks like they are going to have enough to start off on a little jamboree. Now, at this time we will hear from Mrs. Emma R. McLaughlin, national president of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Mrs. McLAUGHLIN. Mr. Chairman, commander in chief, and our comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, my sister and brother organizations, all down through the years we have been marching along together, and what a great and wonderful march it has been, along with the Grand Army of the Republic. They have always been our inspiration, and their deeds of valor will live forever in the hearts

of their people, and a grateful nation will always honor and revere the Grand Army of the Republic.

I have often wondered if those that have gone on before could hear and know what transpires back here in this great land of ours. I hope so, that they might hear Captain Santelmann and the Marine Band. Down through the years what a wonderful privilege this has been each year for this great band to attend this encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. I am sure this is one of the things that inspires us so much each year, that we look forward to as we march along with the Grand Army of the Republic, and for this, Captain Santelmann, we are grateful.

We, too, along with my brother and sister organizations, want to give our gift to the Grand Army of the Republic. To our commander in chief I want to present this check for \$1,500 [applause] and \$250 for the Southern Memorial fund—to our commander in chief to carry on this great work of the Grand Army of the Republic this gift comes from the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. [Applause.]

Then, commander, this is a little gift, from your Daughters. You won't have to turn this over to your treasurer. This is for you. [Presenting billfold containing \$25.]

Commander in Chief GALE. You may be sure I would not turn anything over that I can keep.

Mrs. McLAUGHLIN. I want to say, Commander, good luck to you and God bless you always. [Applause.]

Chairman JAMES. At this time we will hear from H. Harding Hale, commander in chief of the Sons of Union Veterans.

Mr. HALE. Lieutenant Governor, Your Excellency, my Commander in Chief, and fellow patriots, the Governor in his address mentioned Appomattox. It means a great deal to everyone here, I believe, but it has taken on a new and deeper meaning for me in recent weeks. For as my sister and I were cleaning out our attic we came upon a variety of things, as you can imagine. But in an old trunk, mellowed with dust and the handwriting yellow and faint with age, we came upon three precious letters, letters we did not know existed until that moment. Two of the letters came from our soldier—from the North Carolina camp. But the third had still more meaning even than those precious letters, for it was a letter written after father had returned from his service, broken in health and his body racked by disease. He went to Delaware to regain his health, with his young wife.

This letter has the date April 9, 1865. It goes on to say that as father passed the telegraph office on that morning the telegraph was ticking out a message, and father heard it. And the message was that Lee had surrendered at Appomattox. Father rushed home and told his young wife what he had heard, and together they broke forth into that grand old song, Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow. And at night they lit candles in the window that they might give visible evidence of their rejoicing that the great, long 4 years' strife had ended.

And as I read that letter it was flashed upon me that day of 1865 in my father's young life, and how great was the feeling of relief that the strife and that the great toll taken in those 4 years had ended and that the Union had been saved, and what father thought almost as much of—that freedom had come to the black man.

I say we who grew up in such an atmosphere with our fathers, we knew the cost of the war individually to them. We knew from the neighbors who were also Union veterans—the empty sleeve, the cane, and the limp, and all of that—all indicating the cost of the preservation of the Union. And do you wonder that the Sons of Union Veterans was formed that we may preserve such memories, that we may commemorate the mighty men who went forth to battle and to save the Union?

Now we have before us a glorious fragment of this great army. We thank God that it is here in our presence, that it may deepen our patriotism; and as our commander in chief has stressed that word, how much it should be to every true American. Let us go forth with renewed promise to ourselves that because we have seen how great a price the Boys in Blue paid for preserving our democracy we may become bigger, stronger, more patriotic Americans.

Now, Commander in Chief, there is something besides words. There is a mission that I have to perform; and at the outset I want to remark that according to our ability we are making you this contribution for myself and those who are lineal descendants—sons and grandsons, and even great-grandsons of Union veterans. We present to you this evidence that we are with you, every bit of us, to carry on the great traditions that you have taught us, and to commemorate through our lives and the lives of our sons what you did, what you dared, to save our country [presenting check for \$500 to the commander in chief].

Commander in Chief GALE. Is this to me personally or to the organization?

Mr. HALE. Let your conscience be your guide.

Commander in Chief GALE. I will have to have something else besides that, because I have no conscience.

Past Commander in Chief ROWND. \$500 for the Grand Army of the Republic.

Chairman JAMES. Mr. Rownd, are you a candidate for national treasurer at this time?

Past Commander in Chief ROWND. No.

Chairman JAMES. At this time we will hear from Mrs. Gladys B. Sallman, national president of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Mrs. SALLMAN. Mr. Chairman, Lieutenant Governor James, comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, and my Commander in Chief, his Excellency the Governor, my coworkers, members of the family of the Grand Army of the Republic, and to all you assembled here tonight, it is a happy privilege to come and pay my respects to my commander in chief and to the Grand Army of the Republic.

I thought the Governor exhibited a great amount of courage when he came out and extended the cordial welcome that he did to the Grand Army of the Republic. You know I have been down here just a week, and at that time the American Legion was moving in for their Department convention. The American Legion moved out and the Syrian and Lebanon convention moved in. But the Syrian and Lebanon group didn't move out when we were coming in. And yet your governor got up and very graciously told us how welcome we were.

Now may I say to the governor and to all of the people here :

We're glad we came to Indiana,
Because you've made us feel
That you were glad to have us
And that your welcome's real.

We're glad to be in Indiana
Besides your friendship fire,
'Cause here we feel a closeness
That fills our hearts' desire.

We're glad we've been to Indiana,
The finest time we've had ;
And yet it's not the meeting,
But you folks, that's made us glad.

And now, Commander Gale, I am bringing you a check, too, you know. I am very sorry, Commander in Chief Gale, but this is made payable to the Grand Army of the Republic. Perhaps if I had known that you personally wanted a check I might have talked my treasurer into making it out to you personally. But since I thought that the Grand Army should have it, why my treasurer made it out to them. I do hope—in fact, I know it will be used for the good of you boys in Blue. We congratulate you and wish you the happiest sort of encampment. I do hope that you have a very lovely encampment and that you will enjoy every minute of it.

Commander in Chief GALE. Thank you for your kind words and best wishes to us. We appreciate it very much.

Mrs. SALLMAN. Perhaps the next commander will tell us all to make our checks payable to him personally.

Commander in Chief GALE. Since I began receiving these checks and they told me what they were for, I have kind of lost interest.

Chairman JAMES. We will hear from one of the leaders of the Grand Army of the Republic—in fact, I hear he has been for 80 years. He told us here yesterday that he attended the convention here in Indianapolis 80 years ago. He told me today that he was having just as much fun this time as he did then. So we are going to hear from past commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, Robert M. Rownd.

Past Commander in Chief ROWND. It is wonderful that anybody can have a voice that is stronger than a manufactured machine like this at my left. The Lord has blessed me with a voice that is big enough to address any audience anywhere, and I have never had a greater opportunity to address an audience that has created such a deep spirit of love, and I thank God for this opportunity.

The comrades who are in front of me tonight, which I am happy to see, are veterans of the Civil War. There were 2,228,000 in active service during the Civil War, and there are only 118 of that number that are still living.

The State which I represent had 276,000 men active in the service. Of that number there are only 6 living.

I want to congratulate the organizations that have contributed the money for the support and perpetuity of this grand organization of the Grand Army of the Republic. There has been contributed tonight for the support of that said organization, \$5,500. I don't know whether the money has been received for the support of the commander in chief, but I am quite sure that whatever amount he received will very gratefully be appreciated by him and by his friends.

I have been a member of the Grand Army of the Republic for 80 years. I have been in every city in the Nation. I have been to every encampment, with the exception of a few, since that date, and we have never had an encampment that received greater courtesies and evidence of a more patriotic spirit than we have found in this generous, hospitable city of Indianapolis.

Again I want to refer to the fact that the ladies have perpetuated this organization for the last 20 years, and longer perhaps, as our funds were exhausted at that time when they came to our rescue. Thank God for the Relief Corps and the affiliated women's organizations of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Sons of Veterans.

Let us look to the future. Let us turn our thoughts to the land of the eternal morning. God bless you all. Amen.

Chairman JAMES. Thank you, Commander Rownd. Again we are privileged to have some more music from one of America's greatest musical organizations, the United States Marine Band, under the direction of Captain Santelmann.

Captain SANTELMANN. Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen, before playing this number I would like to say that the Marine Band would like to play a musical salute to Commander Gale and the splendid comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, whom we all admire so much and with whom we have had so many happy years' association. We are going to play a marching song entitled "Old Soldiers Never Die," and the words we are going to sing:

Old soldiers never die, they live forever;
Old soldiers never die, let come what may;
Proudly we march along, proudly we say:
Old soldiers never die; they simply fade away.

(The audience applauded enthusiastically, and the band responded to the encore by singing the verse a second time.)

Chairman JAMES. To you, Captain Santelmann, and to all the members of the band we simply say, you have been great.

Captain SANTELMANN. Thank you.

Chairman JAMES. Now we will stand and sing America, after which we will have the benediction by Rev. Harry Mercer.

(America.)

Reverend MERCER. May the Lord bless you and keep you; may the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you; may the Lord lift upon you the light of His countenance and give you peace, both now and forevermore. Amen.

Chairman JAMES. Yesterday so many people in the audience were impressed by the sounding of taps at the close of the session; could we have that again and then the program will be over as soon as we have had taps.

(Taps, United States Marine Band.) (10:02 p. m.)

**CAMPFIRE HELD IN MURAT THEATER, INDIANAPOLIS,
IND., WEDNESDAY EVENING, AUGUST 28, 1946, 8 P. M.**

Hon. Richard T. James, Lieutenant Governor of Indiana, presiding.
(Music, United States Marine Band.)

Chairman JAMES. Ladies and gentlemen, we meet here tonight for the campfire, one of the happiest and most important sessions of your whole convention here in Indianapolis. This will be the last time I will appear before you as your presiding officer. I have tried to move the programs along, and I will do it again tonight. I thank you for the splendid manner in which you have borne with me at all times. [Applause.]

I hope, too, that our Hoosier hospitality has been at least part of what it should be. We know that it has not been perfect. A few things have not been exactly as planned. For instance, the hotel situation, over which we had no control, did not measure up to expectations. But I assure you that all of us, all of the people connected with all of the convention, have wanted to bring out just the best, because certainly there is no convention more important than the Grand Army of the Republic and the allied organizations here with them. [Applause.]

I mentioned Hoosier hospitality. We have even planned for the weather, and it has been rather good. I think you people from Florida and California will agree. [Applause.] Of course we are having a little rain outside tonight, but even that was as planned. You know we are going to have the great Indiana Fair, which we think is the best in the Nation, commencing Friday, and we thought we should get all the bad weather out of our system before Friday, and so we are having a little rain tonight.

Now to go ahead with this important session of the campfire. We will open by having the invocation by the Rev. Stuart Hartfelter, a returned chaplain from World War II. Reverend Hartfelter.

Reverend HARTFELTER. Let us rise, please, and invoke God's blessing upon this assembly. O Lord, our God, Thou before whom all the generations of men pass in review, and Thou before whom angels prostrate fall, we wait before Thee tonight, O God, lifting our hearts in praise and in holy adoration, thanking Thee that from our Nation's infancy that Thou hast blessed us with stalwart sons and daughters.

We thank Thee and we praise Thee, O God, that in days of war and of peace that Thou hast let Thy blessings rest upon our Nation and that Thou has kept her free and strong.

And tonight as we pay honor and tribute to those sons and daughters who have given their life for our Nation, we pray Thee that those of us who are left may be worthy of the heritage which we have received.

And as Thou has given unto us a history that is glorious and noble, so do we pray for the future, that in the days and months and the years to come our Nation may be a fine and stronger Nation, and that we may truly be known among the nations of the earth as a nation whose God is the Lord. To that end we pray Thee that Thou wilt keep us and bless us, for we ask it in the name of our Lord and our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Pledge of Allegiance by the audience.)

(Star-Spangled Banner, United States Marine Band.)

Chairman JAMES. At this time we are going to hear from a young trap drummer, the young grandson of a former Department Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic of the State of Indiana, David Tipple. David, would you bring your drums over here and get ready. Someone please bring Comrade Rownd onto the stage.

(Numbers on the drum by David Tipple.) [Applause.]

Chairman JAMES. Thank you, David. We are now ready for the address of the evening. We are very fortunate in having one of Indiana's leading businessmen and statesmen here with us tonight to deliver this message. He lives down in Evansville, Ind., down just a few miles from where Abraham Lincoln spent one-fourth of his life on this earth, down there in the hills of southern Indiana. Our speaker is one of our leading businessmen, being one of the outstanding leaders in the farm-implement business in the country. At the present time he is serving as our auditor of State. Mr. Alvin V. Burch.

Mr. BURCH. I never did like one of these things very much [referring to the microphone]. If you will bear with me very briefly, I would like to say to these grand old men who carried on the conflict from 1861 to '65, that we appreciate your being here. [Applause.] More and greater. [More applause.]

My friends, I know I voice the sentiment of the great American people when I say that were it not for these gallant boys back in that day we would not have the honor and privilege of being here tonight. We want to pay homage, of course, not only to these living heroes but to those who gave all that we might have this opportunity. I say to you, my good friends, I am indeed grateful. I have not words at my command to put over to them my gratitude and my appreciation for their heroic service back yonder.

Listen, ladies and gentlemen, we have a great task before us. These men have handed down to us something that is most precious, something far beyond the reach of just one individual man—a great country, a great continent to look after.

The Lieutenant Governor, my good friend Dick James, said I came from southern Indiana, which was true, and I want to think of those hills in southern Indiana that nourished their commander in chief from the time that he was 7 until he was 21 years of age, right here in Indiana. And I can see his father taking him by the hand and leading him off the boat after crossing the mighty Ohio where he saw it for the first time, in Spencer County. Then, back up in the hills and finally landing back at a home that the average individual of this day would not want to put their automobile in—Abraham Lincoln.

Then, don't you think of that lad growing up in that wilderness and wanting to reach out for something for himself, finding his way down the mighty Ohio River and out upon the Mississippi, which is the Father of Waters. Then down the Mississippi until he reached the great city of New Orleans. After he had discharged his cargo and tended to his business he walks up in the city of New Orleans and there he sees with his own eyes what is taking place here in America. And then, as he turned and walked away, without possibly looking back over his shoulder, he said: "If God gives me strength some day I will strike that a deadly blow." Ladies and gentlemen, he never forgot; he never broke faith. That is why he would go to the last ditch.

Then he came back to the State of Indiana once more, and then went over to the great State of Illinois. There, my friends, he met many major disappointments. One of them was his love for Ann Rutledge, many of them in his business career. The public never understood him at that time. But finally what happened? God laid his hand upon him and took him to the White House and placed him tenderly there in care of this great country of ours. I want you to think of that dark night when his boys from this great country of ours were out on the battlefields and things were not going very well.

You remember when the general went to call at the White House and the President met him at the door. What happened? The President took the general by the hand, and the general said to Mr. Lincoln, "Mr. President, all the fronts are going against us." The Commander in Chief had confidence in that great army of his. What did he do? The President took the general to a chair and then walked over and stood and looked out of the window. He was unafraid, my fellow Americans. He wanted to give them a chance—Abraham Lincoln.

He was unafraid. He had two reasons. One was the trust of that man far beyond the reach of any human being. The other was the great heroes from back home looking after the affairs of the battle front. And then he walked back to the general and sat down on one side of the room. And what took place? They talked the thing over, and right then and there they changed their strategy—right then and there. Then the general started to leave from the west entrance where he came in, and as he was leaving he shook the President by the hand and he said, "Mr. President, I hope God is with us." What was the reply of the President? He said, "No, I hope we are with God." That was his reply.

I want to say, my fellow Americans, that not long ago there was a party of three wise men that met across the seas to charter the destiny of this world, and after they got through talking they went back to their respective nations. While they were in conference, talking things over, they never said one single word about slavery. Like this Nation of ours, the world cannot long endure with half of them being slaves.

Then they went back to their respective nations, and then they called from the different parts of the world a caucus in Washington—that is our Capital. What took place just across the stream there—Dumbarton Oaks? I have been there many times. They had a conference there to draw up a preamble to the agreement that they had talked across the seas to charter the destiny of the world.

And then that was over with, and what took place? They moved on to San Francisco, and that impressed me. That is still in America. And they moved into San Francisco there to ratify that agreement. What took place? When they called that conference of the representatives from all of the world they opened that great meeting without a prayer. Ever stop to think of that. What does it mean?

Ladies and gentlemen, to me it means that we will never have peace on earth until Justice can sit at the head of the table and help write an honorable and a just peace. [Applause.] When some of them come down off of that high pedestal and get down to earth like Abraham Lincoln did, and ask God to help us on these world issues and let Justice help write that peace, then and there we will have peace in this world. [Applause.]

Let's be fair about these things. Let's be honest. I don't know how you feel about it. I want to tell you how I feel, and from the heart and not the head. I am sick and tired of these foreign nations coming across the seas to get us to help them keep out their foes with our precious blood. [Applause.] Taking our wealth, our blood and sweat and tears from these people and then going back home and saying, "We have no faith in your kind of government." [Applause.]

Now, ladies and gentlemen, this is not one man's country, it is not two men's country, it is not three men's country; this country belongs to the American people. [Applause.] Let's not deviate from it one iota. And I have not.

Not long ago I heard a statesman stand on the platform here in Indiana. I will take just a few moments and then I am going to close, because I know there are other things you want to know here and see. That statesman made this remark. I heard him. He said to the audience, "Of course you want to be with the foreign nations. Nobody is going to say we don't want to do our part. Nothing wrong that we be with the foreign nations." And he went on.

Then it was my turn, and I turned to him and said that there was one statement that he made that was not quite correct, and that was that we wanted America to be with the foreign nations. I said, "Mr. Statesman, I want to ask you this simple question: If America is going to be called upon time and time again to pull the chestnuts out of the fire that they are willing to watch, then they are going to call upon us for machinery and equipment and guns and what not because we have been so easy over here, and then next we are going to be asked to furnish the lives and the sweat and the blood and the tears, now I want to ask this one question: When is one of those foreign nations going to be with us?" [Applause.]

I just have one little thing to suggest in closing, just to pitch it in for what it may be worth or may not. I just have this little thing to suggest; and that is that each and every individual, not only in this grand audience but everywhere in this United States of ours, try to see to it that there are men and women who are fair with us and who are courageous and who will get hold of those things that belong to us that these heroes preserved for us before we knew what was going on, stand foursquare and let them know that we will never as long as we have one single breath in our lives lose courage, but will see to it that men and women are placed upon the tickets of both parties who

will be just as fearless and who will be just as honest, who will be just as courageous as Winston Churchill is for England. [Applause.]

Chairman JAMES. Thank you, Mr. Burch. Now, at this time, ladies and gentlemen, we are going to have a solo by Mr. Arch W. Keltner, accompanied by Mrs. Bertha Didway.

Mr. KELTNER. I am going to sing an old familiar song I am sure that these veterans have heard and have sung at their campfires and their reunions. It is a very familiar song to all of them.

(Singing, Tenting Tonight on the Old Campground.)

(Past Commander in Chief Rownd came out to the front of the platform and joined in the chorus.)

Chairman JAMES. Thank you, Mrs. Didway and Mr. Keltner, and you, Comrade Rownd.

Now, according to our program, at this time we will have reminiscences by comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic. I know we are going to bear with them. Maybe some of them would rather not take part in this part of the program. They have gone through several strenuous days; they cannot help but be rather tired. But I am going to call on several of them and all of them if they care to say anything at this time about the Civil War or the Grand Army of the Republic, or just anything else they may want to talk about.

I think we should start off with the comrade whom we wanted here the other night, Mr. John Adams, commander of the Department of Indiana, from Jonesboro, Ind. [Applause.] You remember I announced the other night that he was ill and could not be with us. It wasn't anything serious. He told me afterward what had happened: that he had had a glass of milk and a salad of cucumbers. When I asked him if he was feeling rather badly, he said, "No; just an old-fashioned bellyache." He says, "You know I have lived almost 100 years, old enough to know that cucumbers and milk don't work together." So it don't make any difference how long we live; we can always make a mistake. Comrade Adams, would you say a few words at this time about anything you want to?

Comrade ADAMS. Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen, I am glad that I am able to be here. I didn't expect to make any talk tonight, or try to make one. But I will say that I am glad that I am here to represent the State of Indiana and the city of Indianapolis. There are so few of us, and I am the only one that was able to be here. I believe I will not take up any more of your time, so I will thank you. [Applause.]

Chairman JAMES. Now do any of the other comrades down here want to say a word to the people in the front row?

Comrade ALBERT WOOLSON (Duluth, Minn.). I might say a few words.

Chairman JAMES. He was a drummer, and among the other places he was at Gettysburg. He would like to say just a few words at this time. I know the audience would like to hear him.

Comrade WOOLSON. To the congregation I would say it was a great privilege they gave us boys to go back to Gettysburg and visit the old battlefield. There was rather a peculiar incident came up about the flag. On one side there was the Union camp which contained about 1,500 Union veterans, and on the other side was the Confederates, about 500 with their wives and daughters. Reverend Samuels, a Baptist preacher of New Orleans, was president. He represented the Sons of

the Confederacy. The Pennsylvania committee said to Mr. Samuels, "We have erected flagstaffs on both camps. The matter of flags now comes up. Do you propose to put that Confederate flag on your camp or not?" Well, the elder said he hadn't thought much about it. The Pennsylvania committee said: "We have a little silk flag to stick up in front of your tent. Wouldn't that fill the bill?" "Well, yes; I think so."

Then the climax came, and that is what struck me. The ladies of the Union camp were there in front of us, and the Confederate ladies and their daughters also. One of the leading ladies from the Union side—I think she was from Chicago—the subject was brought up between them and what ought they to do. They exchanged flags, the Union flags went to the others. The old Confederate soldiers, regular Johnnies, had been vindicated in what they believed to be right—tears were streaming down their cheeks. I was strangely affected at that spectacle. One of them said, "If the women of America from the South and the North had combined and talked this thing over there would never have been any Civil War." [Applause.]

Chairman JAMES. At this time we are to hear again from Comrade Rownd, who will present the commander in chief's badge. Do you have a badge with you, Comrade Rownd? This is something, Commander Gale, you get to keep. We are going to find it right now. Commander Gale's daughter, Mrs. Munson, would like the privilege of pinning it on her dad. We don't blame her. Comrade Rownd.

Past Commander in Chief ROWND. I deem it a very great honor as well as a privilege that I have this pleasant duty to perform.

In 1861 in the beginning of the Civil War I was inspired with the spirit of patriotism to enlist in the service of my country to follow the flag, and when the war was over I went to an old pine mourners' bench, got on my knees before the Lord, and told him I wanted to enlist in another kind of an organization, and the answer that I received was the blessing of the Lord Jesus Christ, and I wanted to not only follow my country but I wanted to follow Him.

Now I have the very great honor and pleasure to present this badge from those who have confidence in you and whose confidence you have inspired by the splendid administration you have given us. It is one of the finest that the Grand Army has ever had, and I have the very great honor now to have your daughter fasten on your coat the badge which has been presented by the Grand Army of the Republic. That badge came not from the funds of the Grand Army of the Republic; it came from the hearts and the pocketbooks of the men who admire you. And God bless you.

(Badge pinned on coat of the commander in chief by Mrs. Munson, daughter of the commander in chief.)

[Applause.]

Commander in Chief GALE. The chairman has asked me to say a few words now. I really don't know what I could say that would be of any interest. He asked me to talk on some subject about the war. I don't think I can say anything that would be of interest. My service in the Army was tame. I served as the clerk of the Military Corps, and of course my time was quiet and peaceful. I didn't have any trouble with any of them, so it was peaceful.

I just happened to think about being at Gettysburg. I will tell you that. I was at Gettysburg at the reunion, and I was over to the rebel camp, and there were a whole lot of southern girls gathered around with their kodaks taking our pictures and all that of those who were in the Battle of Gettysburg. One of the southern girls asked me if I was in the Battle of Gettysburg. I told her I was not. Well, she said, "What battle were you in?" I told her I wasn't in any battle. I said, "My commanding officers wouldn't allow me on the field where there was any battle going on." She said, "Why was that?" "Well," I said, "if it was ever known I was on the battlefield there wouldn't any of your boys show up." [Applause.]

I was seated by the side of a major general of the Southern Army and he reached over and patted me on the shoulder—they called me General—and he said, "General, you have got nothing on me." He said, "I have the satisfaction of killing two Yankees." He said, "I was out one day prowling around by myself. I ran across a couple of Yankees and they got after me. By Jove," he said, "do you know, I smothered them to death trying to kiss them." [Laughter.]

I won't take up your time. I don't know if there is anything else. I could tell you a story or two, always something of that kind. If I could have found it I would have been awful glad to have given the chairman 15 cents not to call upon me.

Chairman JAMES. Thank you, Commander Gale. Mr. Arch Keltner, accompanied by Mrs. Bertha Didway.

Mr. KELTNER. We will sing another old familiar song. After hearing my fellow singer, I am sure this will be very much in keeping with the occasion.

(Singing, The Battle Hymn of the Republic.)

Chairman JAMES. Now we have approached the close of what I think has been a splendid campfire meeting, and as we leave here let us think some of the wise and sacred admonitions of the first commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, Abraham Lincoln, the great Emancipator [applause], who was so well spoken about tonight by the speaker of the evening, Mr. A. V. Burch.

If he were here today—only if he could be here today in this world still full of bitterness and disagreements, even at the close of another terrible war, we only wish that all of the leaders, not only of the United States but of the world, would realize that this old world cannot stand too many atomic bombs, and we wish that all these leaders everywhere would follow the wise and sacred advice given us by Abraham Lincoln. When I think of the splendid words he has given us, words which go down in history as the greatest ever spoken by anybody on this earth, I think of some very simple words he spoke while he was only 14 years old while he was living down here in the hills of southern Indiana, where he lived, as Mr. Burch said, for 14 years, where he hoed potatoes for 25 cents a day, where he gained all his formal schooling, although it was only a year, from where he made that memorable trip on the flatboat from the little town of Troy down on the Ohio river to the cosmopolitan city of New Orleans, down there where he saw the slaves being sold on the auction block. When he saw what was taking place he said, "If I ever have a chance to hit that thing I will hit it with all my might."

While he was yet a little boy he spoke these simple words, which to me tell me about as much about the character of Abraham Lincoln as

anything he ever said. He had a little Indian playmate down in what is now Spencer Countyname dJohnny Kongatod. This little Indian playmate died and as an epitaph young Abe wrote these touching words in true Lincoln-like manner:

Here lies poor Johnny Kongatod,
Have mercy on him, gracious God
As he would do if he was God
And you were little Johnny Kongatod.

Yes; those words were spoken by young Abe, even at that time asking the Supreme Ruler to be fair to his little Indian playmate. And we know how he always carried that fairness and sense of honor and integrity into his later life in everything he did, because we are reminded of the words spoken by the first Commander in Chief, your Commander in Chief, at the close of the Civil War during the second inaugural address, shortly before he slumped over in Ford's Theater, assassinated—those famous and immortal words, words that our leaders everywhere could well follow today. Remember them?

With malice toward none; with charity for all; with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the Nation's wounds; to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan—to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves, and with all nations.

Oh, for another Abraham Lincoln. [Applause.] For more leaders of broad vision, of courage, throughout the world, and for more people, people to follow those leaders like the boys in blue who so ably followed their Commander in Chief.

I was not to make a speech here tonight, and I am through right now. But I think we can do nothing better than to think of these boys, the boys in blue, as we leave here tonight, and the many famous words given us by their first Commander in Chief.

Before we close I think at this time, before the benediction, let us all stand and give them an ovation. Let us show them what we really think of them, because, ladies and gentlemen, it may be our last opportunity to do this for all of them. Let us do it right now.

(The audience rose and applauded.)

Now the benediction by a gentleman from World War II. I see he has over his breast, among several stars, the Purple Heart. The benediction by Rev. Father Anthony McLaughlin, chaplain of the veterans' hospital here in Indianapolis.

FATHER McLAUGHLIN. Good Jesus, whose loving heart was ever troubled by the sorrows of others, look with pity on the souls of our dear ones. O you who have loved your own, hear our cry for mercy, and grant that those whom you called from our homes and hearts may soon enjoy everlasting rest in the home of Thy love in Heaven.

Hear us, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, everlasting God, and vouchsafe to send Thy Holy Angel from Heaven to guard, cherish, protect, visit, and defend all that dwell in this house, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Charman JAMES. Tonight we will close again with Taps, Taps as can only be played by the United States Marine Band. (Taps by the band.)

Chairman JAMES. You are dismissed. (9:35 p. m.)

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HEADQUARTERS, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
Seattle, Wash., October 15, 1945.

I. Having been elected commander in chief of the seventy-ninth national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, and installed, I hereby assume command.

II. Headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic are established in room 501-C, County-City Building, Seattle 4, Wash., where all official communications should be addressed to the adjutant general.

III. The following appointments are hereby announced:

Adjutant general, Russell C. Martin, Los Angeles, Calif.

Quartermaster general, John C. Adams, room 430, State House, Indianapolis, Ind.

IV. Further appointments will be announced in future General Orders.

HIRAM R. GALE, *Commander in Chief.*

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
ROOM 501-C, COUNTY-CITY BUILDING,
Seattle 4, Wash., January 10, 1946.

I. At the Seventy-ninth national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, held in Columbus, Ohio, September 30 to October 4, 1945, the following named comrades were elected to offices designated below:

Commander in chief: Hiram R. Gale, Seattle, Wash.

Senior vice commander in chief: John H. Grate, Atwater, Ohio.

Junior vice commander in chief: Theodore A. Penland, Portland, Oreg.

Chaplain in chief: Robert M. Rownd, Ripley, N. Y.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

California and Nevada: Henry M. Mingay, Glendale, Calif.

Colorado and Wyoming: Robert M. Bryan, Boulder, Colo.

Connecticut: Charles Douglass, New Haven, Conn.

Delaware: Isaiah Fassett, Berlin, Md.

Idaho: Israel A. Broadsword, Samuels, Idaho.

Illinois: Hiram H. Shumate, Riverton, Ill.

Indiana: John F. Smith, Marion, Ind.

Iowa: John M. Gudgel, Shenandoah, Iowa.

Kansas: Alonzo McMurphy, Sterling, Kans.

Kentucky: Robert Barret, Sr., Princeton, Ky.

Maine: George H. Jones, Oxford, Maine.

Massachusetts: Charles B. Burt, Springfield, Mass.

Michigan: Orlando H. LeValley, Caro, Mich.

Minnesota: Albert Woolson, Duluth, Minn.

Missouri: William H. Osborn, Joplin, Mo.

Nebraska: R. E. Coleman, Lincoln, Nebr.

New Jersey: William H. Perrine, Plainfield, N. J.

New York: James A. Hard, Rochester, N. Y.

Ohio: John R. Bennett, Waynesfield, Ohio.

Oklahoma: Sylvester S. Patterson, Tonkawa, Okla.

Oregon: Theodore A. Penland, Portland, Oreg.

Pennsylvania: Alfred W. Gabrio, Hazleton, Pa.

Utah: Ira Stormes, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Washington and Alaska: Francis Yeager, Centralia, Wash.

Wisconsin: Henry Alexander, King, Wis.

II. The following appointments on the staff of the commander in chief were announced:

Adjutant general: Russell C. Martin, Los Angeles, Calif.

Quartermaster general: John C. Adams, Indianapolis, Ind.

National patriotic instructor: Orlando H. LeValley, Caro, Mich.

National chief of staff: John S. Dumser, Oakland, Calif.

III. Miss Katherine R. A. Flood was unanimously elected national secretary.

Since the close of the national encampment Miss Flood was taken seriously ill and passed away on October 30, 1945, in the hospital at Newton, Mass., and Miss Cora E. Gillis, of Jamestown, N. Y., was appointed to fill the vacancy. Miss Gillis has assisted the national secretary for a number of years and has served twice as national secretary to the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. She was very highly recommended by several of the past commanders in chief and has already arrived in Seattle to take over her duties.

IV. National headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic are established in room 501-C, County-City Building, Seattle, Wash., where all official communications to the commander in chief and adjutant general should be addressed.

V. Since the issue of General Orders No. 1, word has been received at national headquarters of the death of Adjutant General Russell C. Martin. His many friends throughout the country will be saddened by this news.

Appointment is hereby announced of Past Commander in Chief Isaac W. Sharp, of Warsaw, Ind., as adjutant general to fill the vacancy in the office made necessary by the death of Comrade Russell C. Martin.

VI. The executive committee of the national council of administration will consist of the commander in chief, senior vice commander in chief, adjutant general, quartermaster general, and three members appointed from the department representatives on the national council of administration. The following comrades are appointed members of the executive committee to serve with the officers named:

George H. Jones, Oxford, Maine.

Hiram H. Shumate, Riverton, Ill.

Albert Woolson, Duluth, Minn.

VII. All requisitions for supplies must be sent to the quartermaster general, John C. Adams, Room 430, State House, Indianapolis, Ind., with remittances therefor. Drafts, checks, and money orders should be made payable to the National Grand Army of the Republic. Do not send stamps.

VIII. The following amendments to the rules and regulations were adopted:

That chapter V, article XVI, covering alterations and amendments, be suspended for this 1945 encampment.

That the rules and regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic requiring approval, presentation, and notice in altering or amending any section, be suspended and that the first sentence of chapter V, article I, section 3, as adopted September 9, 1937, be altered and amended in lieu thereof to read:

"Post charters shall not be surrendered while one member desires continuance of the post, but this shall not deprive the national encampment of the right to take a charter from a post when it is deemed best for the good of the order."

That chapter V, article VI, section 2, be altered and amended by eliminating the last sentence of said section 2 therefor and that there be substituted therefor and in lieu of same, the following:

"At the discretion of the national encampment."

That sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 9 of the said chapter V, article VI be eliminated and section 8 become section 3 thereof.

IX. Assistant adjutant generals are requested to forward promptly to national headquarters notice of death of any permanent member of the national encampment in their respective departments, with date of death, military record, and Grand Army service, for publication in general orders.

X. Assistant adjutant generals are requested to forward to national headquarters, immediately after receipt of these orders, the department roster, the journal of the last department encampment, if not already sent, and all general orders which may be issued during the year.

XI. The following resolutions were adopted:

"Whereas chapter II, article I, section 2, and chapter V, article 1, section 3, of the rules and regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic, as amended, provided that as long as one member desires continuance of a post no charter shall be surrendered except it shall not deprive the national encampment of the right to take a charter from a post when it is deemed best for the good of the order; and

"Whereas there has been some contention concerning whether George N. Morgan Post, No. 4, of Minneapolis, Minn., has been legally forfeited, disbanded, or voluntarily surrendered:

"Now therefore, in order to bar any further difficulty concerning the same, it is moved that the supreme power of this national encampment be exercised for the good of the order in the premises and that said post be and the same is hereby declared forfeited, disbanded and surrendered and that all prior acts concerning said forfeiture, abandonment, or surrender, be and the same are hereby ratified and confirmed."

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

The Grand Army of the Republic, in its seventy-ninth national encampment assembled in Columbus, Ohio, which city is now for the fourth time host of a national encampment, by this resolution expresses its thanks and appreciation to the people of the State of Ohio and of the city of Columbus for their enthusiastic welcome and hospitable reception of the veterans of 1861-65 and the allied bodies meeting here at the same time; to Gov. Frank J. Lausche; Mayor James H. Rhodes; Hon. Henry Metcalf; Col. George Mingle, superintendent Ohio Highway Patrol; Hon. Perry T. Ford, highway director; Col. George N. Ward, police department; and other public officials for their cooperation in making the encampment a success; to the Columbus Dispatch, Columbus Citizen, and the Ohio State Journal for the ample and accurate coverage of the week's events; and to the management and employees of the Deshler-Wallick Hotel for their kindness and many courtesies to our members.

"Be it further resolved, That we acknowledge with gratitude the greetings received from President Harry S. Truman and Gen. Frank T. Hines.

"Be it further resolved, That we greatly appreciate the passage by Congress of the bill making it possible for the United States Marine Band again to attend our national encampment; and our special thanks are tendered to its director, Capt. William F. Santelmann, and to the members of the band for their generous participation in all of the public programs of the encampment and at other civic events during the week.

"Be it further resolved, That we are deeply indebted to Hon. Paul M. Herbert, chairman, and Joseph E. Cross, secretary, and the other members of the convention committee, for their able arrangement of the details in connection with the various meetings of the encampment and for their efficient assistance in the conduct of the programs open to the public."

XII. At the semiofficial meeting of the seventy-ninth national encampment on Monday evening, October 1, 1945, the national encampment received the following gifts for assistance during the coming year: National Woman's Relief Corps, \$1,000; Ladies of the GAR, \$1,000; Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, \$1,500 for the general fund and \$400 for the southern memorial fund; Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, \$500; Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, \$500. The members of the Grand Army of the Republic extend their sincere thanks to the Allied Orders for their cooperation and loyal support.

XIII. The commander in chief wishes to express his thanks for the many cards and expressions of congratulations received, and extends his best wishes for a successful and harmonious year to all.

XIV. Your commander in chief expresses to his comrades his thanks for your confidence in electing him to the office of commander in chief and assures you of his untiring efforts in your behalf.

By command of

HIRAM R. GALE,
Commander in Chief.

ISSAC W. SHARP,
Adjutant General.

 IN MEMORIAM

Russell C. Martin, adjutant general and past commander in chief, died in office December 29, 1945. Comrade Martin served as commander in chief in 1933 and 1934 and has been appointed adjutant general each year since 1940. Comrade Martin, or colonel, as he was known to many, was beloved by all who knew him. His genial disposition won for him a host of friends all over the country. Unable to attend the last four encampments because of failing health, still he was always remembered by the members of all the organizations allied with the Grand Army of the Republic. His sudden passing will be profoundly regretted by all who knew him.

COLORADO AND WYOMING

Comrade George Metz, department commander, died in office October 13, 1945.

UTAH

Comrade Ira Stormes, department commander, died in office on October 4, 1945, on his way home from attending the national encampment in Columbus, Ohio. He was a member of the national council of administration and the last Civil War veteran in the State of Utah. Comrade Stormes will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Katharine R. A. Flood, national secretary, passed away in the Newton Hospital on October 30, 1945. Born in Newton, Mass., the daughter of John and Kate Flood, she graduated from the Newton High School and attended Radcliffe College at Cambridge, Mass., teaching school for several years. Miss Flood joined the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War in 1895 and was president of Tent No. 2 in 1899, becoming department president of Massachusetts in 1907 and national president in 1915. She was appointed secretary at national headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic in 1910 by Past Commander in Chief John E. Gilman. In 1911 she went to Los Angeles, Calif., as executive secretary of the forty-sixth national encampment. In 1912 she was again appointed national secretary by Judge Beers in Bridgeport, Conn., serving thereafter until death, with the exception of the years when she was at home caring for her mother and father. She was a member of the Woman's Relief Corps for over 30 years.

While in poor health for the last 5 years, her desire to continue to the closing of the books of the Grand Army gave her the necessary strength to carry on. Nineteen hundred and forty-five was a very hard year for Katharine with its many worries about the holding of a national encampment, but she was faithful to the end. At the close of the seventy-ninth national encampment she returned to Newton, Mass., going immediately to the Newton Hospital. After 3 weeks of intense suffering she underwent an operation on October 29, but passed away on October 30.

No words are adequate to pay a proper tribute to this wonderful woman, who gave her life in the service of the men she loved, the Grand Army of the Republic. Beloved by all who knew her, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, her place can never be filled. She was a true Daughter to all of the men who wore the blue.

"So much we cannot comprehend
 So much we can't explain,
 But let's have faith, God is our friend
 Despite our times of pain.
 And let's be glad for memories sweet
 Of her we loved and lost,
 With faith that we again shall meet
 When Life's Divide is crossed."

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS,
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
 ROOM 501, COUNTY CITY BUILDING,
Seattle 4, Wash., April 10, 1946.

I. In accordance with the rules and regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic, Thursday, May 30, 1946, will be observed as Memorial Day.

II. May every grave of the veterans who have answered the last roll call be properly decorated with flowers and the flag for which they offered their lives. Let us not forget the brave men of the Navy, but let flowers be cast upon the waters in their memory.

"They did not pass in selfishness, they died for all mankind;
 They died to build a better world for all who stay behind;
 And we, who set this day apart to honor them who sleep,
 Should pledge ourselves to hold the faith they gave their lives to keep."

III. As provided by the forty-fifth national encampment, flags shall be placed at half mast until 12 o'clock noon and at this time bells shall be tolled for 5 minutes at all public Grand Army services on Memorial Day, during which time all comrades shall remain standing with uncovered heads.

IV. The national encampment has directed that General Logan's Memorial Day order and President Lincoln's Gettysburg Address shall be read at all public exercises on Memorial Day.

GENERAL LOGAN'S MEMORIAL ORDER

GENERAL ORDER }
 No. 11 }

HEADQUARTERS, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
Washington, D. C., May 5, 1868.

I. The 30th day of May 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form or ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.

We are organized, comrades, as our regulations tell us, for the purpose, among other things, "of preserving and strengthening those kind and fraternal feelings which have bound together the soldiers, sailors, and marines who united to suppress the late rebellion." What can aid more to assure this result than by cherishing tenderly the memory of our heroic dead, who made their breasts a barricade between our country and its foes? Their soldier lives were the reveille of freedom to a race in chains, and their death a tattoo of rebellious tyranny in arms. We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance. All that the consecrated wealth and taste of the Nation can add to their adornment and security is but a fitting tribute to the memory of her slain defenders. Let no wanton foot tread rudely on such hallowed grounds. Let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of reverent visitors and fond mourners. Let no vandalism of avarice or neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten, as a people, the cost of a free and undivided republic.

If other eyes grow dull and other hands slack, and other hearts cold in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it well as long as the light and warmth of life remain in us.

Let us, then, at the time appointed, gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with choicest flowers of springtime; let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor; let us in this solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us as sacred charges upon the Nation's gratitude—the soldier's and sailor's widow and orphan.

II. It is the purpose of the commander in chief to inaugurate this observance with the hope that it will be kept up from year to year, while a survivor of the war remains to honor the memory of his departed comrades. He earnestly desires

the public press to call attention to this order, and lend its friendly aid in bringing it to the notice of comrades in all parts of the country in time for simultaneous compliance therewith.

III. Department commanders will use every effort to make this order effective.
By command of

JOHN A. LOGAN,
Commander in Chief.

N. P. CHIPMAN,
Adjutant General.

LINCOLN'S GETTYSBURG ADDRESS

Fourscore and seven years ago our fathers brought forth upon this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met in a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. But, in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here have consecrated it far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us, the living, rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us, that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion; that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this Nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, and for the people shall not perish from the earth.

V. Sunday, May 26 will be observed as Memorial Sunday. All comrades physically able to do so are urged to attend divine service on this day and the members of the Auxiliary and all allied orders will accompany them.

VI. The second Sunday in May has, for a number of years, been observed as Mother's Day. This year may the proper tribute be paid to all those mothers who have given their sons in the service of their country in the great conflict so recently ended.

VII. Department chaplains should send their reports immediately after Memorial Day to the chaplain in chief, Robert M. Rownd, Ripley, N. Y.

VIII. Flag Day will be observed as usual on June 14 and wherever possible comrades are urged to attend the observance.

IX. The national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, its Auxiliary and the allied orders will convene in the city of Indianapolis, Ind., the week of August 25 to 30. Further details will be given in the next general orders.

By command of

HIRAM R. GALE,
Commander in Chief.

ISAAC W. SHARP,
Adjutant General.

IN MEMORIAM

Thomas Mitchell Ridenour, past senior vice commander in chief and past surgeon general, passed away at his home in Crestline, Ohio, on Monday, February 7, 1946, after a long illness. He enlisted August 30, 1864, in Company K, One hundred and eighty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry and served until the close of the war. He participated in the battles of Franklin, Nashville, Lookout Mountain, Mission Ridge, and Chickamauga. He served with General Sherman on his famous march to the sea. He was an attendant at national encampments as long as his health would permit, and was respected by all who knew him. He is survived by his wife and son, two grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Had he lived another month he would have celebrated his 100th birthday. The sincere sympathy of the organization is extended to the family.

NEBRASKA

Comrade Alfred Hendee passed away at his home in Panama, Nebr., December 18, 1945, at the age of 97 years. He enlisted in Company H, One hundred and twenty-eighth Indiana Infantry, March 18, 1864, and was discharged on April 10, 1865. He was elected department commander of Nebraska in 1941 and presided in 1942. At the time of his death he was department senior vice commander.

NEW JERSEY

Comrade William H. Perrine passed away at his home in Plainfield, N. J., on December 11, 1945. At the time of his death he was department commander of New Jersey and the last comrade of the Grand Army in the State of New Jersey. Comrade Perrine was born April 14, 1845, at Chimney Rock, N. J., enlisted February 29, 1864, as a private in Company L, First Regiment, New Jersey Cavalry, and was discharged July 24, 1865. He became a member of the Grand Army of the Republic on October 27, 1896. At the time of his death he was a member of the national council of administration.

NEW YORK

Comrade John W. Hays, department commander, died in office September 29, 1945, at the age of 101 years. He enlisted May 4, 1861, at Syracuse, N. Y., in Company H, Fourteenth Volunteer Infantry and was discharged at the expiration of service on May 23, 1863. He reenlisted September 14, 1864, in Company L, Eleventh New York Volunteer Cavalry, and was discharged June 12, 1865. He was wounded in battle of Gains Mills and was awarded the Purple Heart. Comrade Hays had previously served as department commander of New York in 1943.

Comrade Frank E. Cooley, department commander, passed away October 15, 1945, at his home in Rensselaer, N. Y., at the age of 98 years. He served as department commander in 1933 and again in 1944, and was promoted on the death of Commander Hays in 1945. Comrade Cooley served in Company H, Eighth Massachusetts Infantry, and was discharged on November 10, 1864.

OHIO

Comrade John Conrad passed away on January 8, 1946, at St. Cloud, Fla., at the age of 99. He enlisted in Company A, One Hundred and Eighty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry.

Comrade J. P. Barker passed away at his home in Columbus, Ohio, on February 24, 1946, at the age of 98 years. He served in Company F, Fifteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry.

WISCONSIN

Comrade Henry Alexander, assistant adjutant general, passed away at his home on February 2, 1946. He served in Company K, Forty-ninth Pennsylvania Infantry.

GENERAL ORDERS
No. 4
SERIES OF 1945-46

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
ROOM 501C, COUNTY-CITY BUILDING,
Seattle, Wash., July 10, 1946.

I. The eightieth national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in Indianapolis, Ind., August 25 to 30, 1946. National headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Woman's Relief Corps will be located in the Claypool Hotel.

II. Complete program of meetings and entertainment will be furnished on arrival in Indianapolis.

III. Hon. Richard T. James, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Indiana, has consented to act as chairman of the encampment committee, with Mrs. Irene Compton acting as secretary to the committee. Requests for information should be addressed to Mrs. Irene Compton, Room 430 State House, Indianapolis, Ind.

IV. National headquarters will be temporarily established at the Claypool Hotel, Thursday, August 22.

V. Patriotic services will be held in all churches in the city of Indianapolis Sunday morning, August 25.

VI. The Grand Army memorial service will be held at 2:30 p. m., Sunday, August 25, in the Murat Theater, 508 North New Jersey Street.

VII. On Sunday evening, August 25, at 8 o'clock a band concert will be given by the United States Marine Band, under the leadership of Capt. William F. Santelmann, in the Coliseum at the Indiana State Fair Grounds.

VIII. The committee on credentials will meet Monday morning at 10 a. m., in national headquarters in the Claypool Hotel.

The following comrades are appointed on the credential committee:

Isaac W. Sharp, adjutant general, chairman.

Robert A. Millen, assistant adjutant general, Iowa.

John R. Bennett, assistant adjutant general, Ohio.

C. L. Hooker, assistant adjutant general, Wisconsin.

Alonzo McMurphy, department commander, Kansas.

IX. The executive committee of the national council of administration will meet in national headquarters, mezzanine floor, Claypool Hotel, Monday, August 26, at 11:30 a. m.

X. The national council of administration will meet at 1:30 p. m. on Monday in national headquarters.

XI. Comrades Robert M. Rownd and Orlando H. LeValley will audit the books of the quartermaster general and report to the council of administration at their meeting on August 26.

XII. The semiofficial meeting of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held on Monday, August 26, at 8 p. m., in the Murat theater.

XIII. Tuesday evening, August 27, a reception will be tendered Commander in Chief Hiram R. Gale and staff in the Governor's parlors at the State capitol.

XIV. The parade of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held Wednesday, August 28, at 10 a. m. Route will be announced in the official program.

XV. Department commanders are reminded that by action of the national encampment women, children, and civilians (except in band and drum corps) are prohibited from participating in the Grand Army parade. Also by order of the national encampment all caricatures, impersonations of Lincoln, Uncle Sam, or other characters, and floats of any sort, will be excluded from the parade.

XVI. The first business session of the national encampment will convene Wednesday, August 28, at 1:30 p. m. The second session will convene Thursday, August 29, at 9 a. m.

XVII. Wednesday, August 29, the annual campfire will be held in the Murat Theater at 8 p. m.

XVIII. The national headquarters of the Auxiliary and allied orders will be located in Indianapolis as follows:

Claypool Hotel: Grand Army of the Republic, and Woman's Relief Corps.

Lincoln Hotel: Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Columbia Club: Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Hotel Severin: Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

XIX. The following committee is appointed to prepare resolutions:

On the death of past commander in chief and adjutant-general, Russell C. Martin: John S. Dumser, California and Nevada; Robert M. Rownd, New York; Hiram H. Shumate, Illinois;

XX. The only organizations which have been recognized by the national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic are the Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Departments cannot recognize others than those mentioned. Such recognition, however, does not allow these organizations to interfere with the business of posts, departments, or national organization. Members of allied orders cannot organize in committee and use the name Grand Army of the Republic or the letters G. A. R. in connection with their committee or association.

XX. All mail for national headquarters should be addressed to the Claypool Hotel after August 15.

XXII. The commander in chief wishes to express his appreciation to all for the many courtesies extended to him this year and to wish each and everyone a successful convention.

XXIII. You are reminded that Indianapolis is operating on daylight saving time, which means that your time of arrival in Indianapolis will be 1 hour later than noted on timetables.

By command of

HIRAM R. GALE,
Commander in Chief.

ISAAC W. SHARP,
Adjutant General.

IN MEMORIAM

CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA

Comrade Calvin H. Blanchard, past department commander, passed away at his home in Oakland, Calif., after a lingering illness.

Comrade Eli W. McKinney passed away February 22, 1946, at his home in Los Angeles, Calif., at the age of 99 years. He was a former member of Shrive Post No. 177, Vernon, Iowa, but at the time of his death was a member of Post No. 181 of Long Beach, Calif. Comrade McKinney enlisted in Company K, Forty-fifth Iowa Infantry, as a private.

INDIANA

Comrade David S. Moist, past department commander, last member of Sedgwick Post No. 38, of Union City, Iowa, passed away on January 15, at the age of 101 years. He served as sergeant in Company B, Seventh Indiana Cavalry.

Comrade Dr. Henry Rogers passed away at the age of 101 years at his home in Rockville, Ind., on January 31, 1946. He served as a private in Company I of the One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Indiana Volunteer Infantry. He was the last member of Steele Post No. 9 and the last Civil War veteran in Parke County, where he had practiced medicine for 65 years.

IOWA

Comrade David Sisk, assistant adjutant general and past department commander, passed away on June 6 at the age of 98 years. He enlisted in the One Hundred and Forty-seventh Illinois Regiment, Company H, and at the time of his death was the only Civil War veteran living at the Iowa Soldiers' Home.

MAINE

Comrade George F. Stuart, commander of the department of Maine from 1943 to 1946, died in office May 27, 1946, at the age of 101 years. He enlisted in the Twenty-eighth Maine Infantry in 1862, served 1 year, and was taken prisoner five times and finally entered Libby Prison. He was exchanged from here and went to Annapolis to reenlist but was sent home sick. He later enlisted in the Thirtieth Maine and served until the end of the war. He was a member of C. W. Randall Post, No. 98, of Freeport, Maine.

MICHIGAN

Comrade Holden Albro died at his home near Leslie, Mich., March 12, 1946, just 8 days after his one hundredth birthday. He enlisted in Company G, Eleventh Michigan Infantry, in February 1864, after twice having been rejected because of his height, and was mustered out September 16, 1865. He was the last member of Post 441 in Mason.

Comrade James F. Lyon passed away on April 20, 1946, at the age of 103. He enlisted in Company C, First Wisconsin Cavalry, and was given the rank of first lieutenant for distinguished personal gallantry in the storming of Fort Tyler.

Comrade Ralph R. Towner, assistant adjutant general, died in office April 27, 1946, at his home near Allegan, Mich. He enlisted at Sacketts Harbor, N. Y., in Company F, One Hundred and Eighty-sixth New York Volunteers, and served under General Grant until the close of the war.

NEBRASKA

Comrade Erastus Harrison Page passed away February 8 at the age of 100 years. He enlisted in the Fiftieth New York Volunteers and took part in heavy fighting at Petersburg. He was the last Civil War veteran in Omaha, Nebr.

DELAWARE

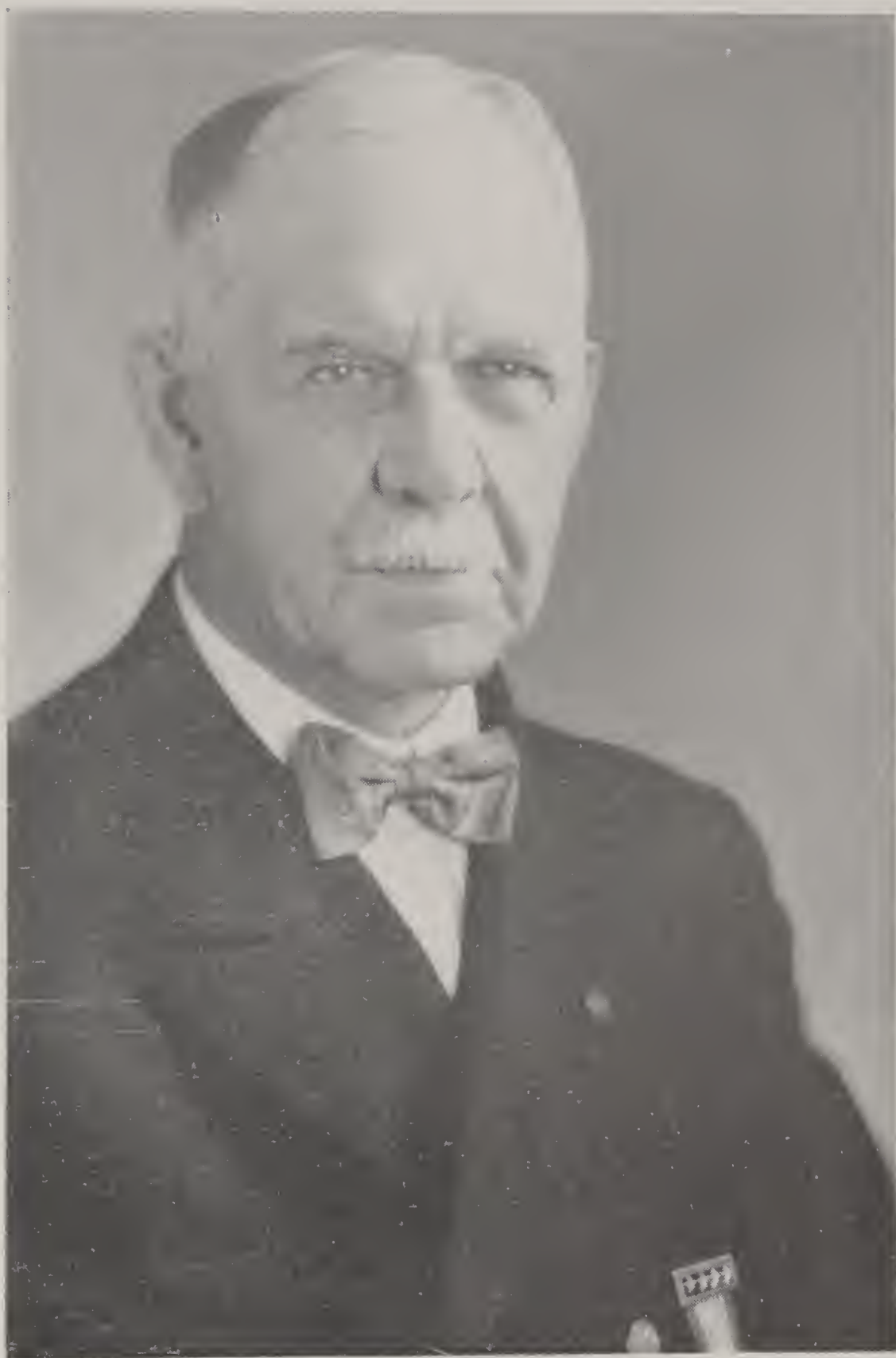
Comrade Isaiah Fassett, department commander of Delaware, died in office at his home in Berlin, Md., on June 24 in his one hundred and third year. He enlisted November 11, 1863, as corporal in Company D, Ninth Regiment Infantry, USCT, Maryland Volunteers, and was discharged November 26, 1866. He was a member and commander of Post 51, Department of Maryland, and after the disbandment of that post enrolled in Sumner Post No. 4 of Wilmington, Del. He served as junior vice commander and senior vice commander and, since August 14, 1943, has been department commander of Delaware. He was buried with full military honors by the Sons of Union Veterans on June 28, 1946.

PENNSYLVANIA

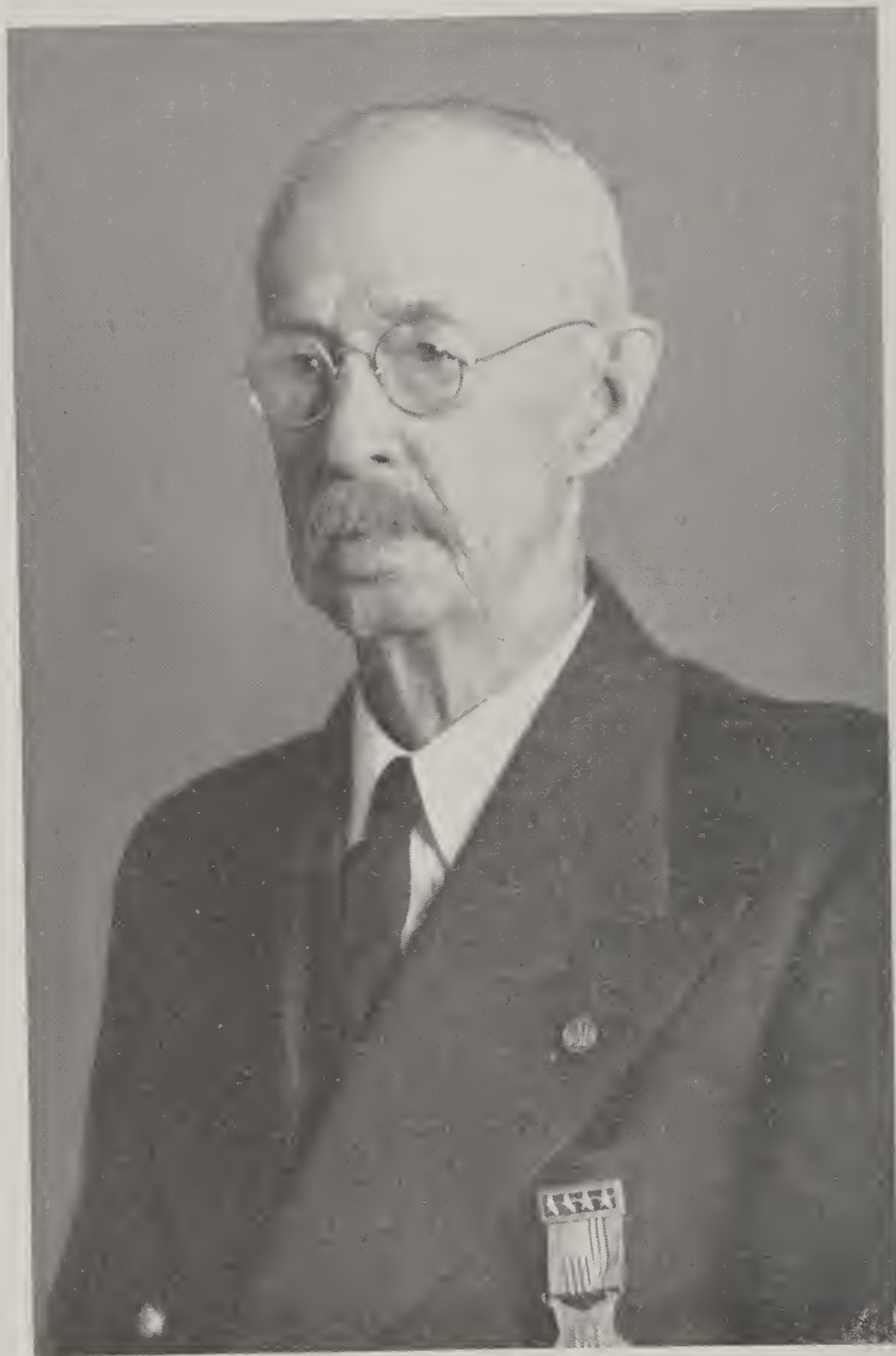
Comrade Alfred W. Gabrio, department commander, died in office July 6, 1946. Comrade Gabrio enlisted in Company K, One Hundred and Thirty-ninth Illinois Infantry, May 19, 1864, and was discharged October 28, 1864. He celebrated his one hundredth birthday on February 3, 1946. He was elected commander of the Department of Pennsylvania in 1943 and has served continuously since that time. He was a member of the national council of administration.



In Memoriam



RUSSELL C. MARTIN
PAST COMMANDER IN CHIEF



GEORGE H. JONES
PAST COMMANDER IN CHIEF

In Memoriam

RUSSELL C. MARTIN

Col. Russell C. Martin was born in Randolph, Vt., November 24, 1849, and passed away December 29, 1945, in Los Angeles, Calif.

He enlisted in Company I, First Vermont Cavalry, and saw 2 years of action under Generals Grant, Sherman, and Custer. He came to California in 1881.

After 40 years as an engineer with the Southern Pacific Railroad, Colonel Martin retired in 1916 and became active in the Grand Army of the Republic. In 1921 he was appointed commandant of the California Veterans' Home at Napa, Calif., serving for 7 years. He was commander of the California and Nevada Department in 1919, and in 1933 while serving as senior vice commander in chief was elevated to commander in chief upon the death of Comrade William P. Wright, and in 1934 was elected to the office of commander in chief.

Later he served more than 5 years as adjutant general, and was judge advocate of the California and Nevada Department for 11 years.

Entitled "The Veteran," a beautiful life-sized painted portrait of Colonel Martin hangs in the Los Angeles City Hall foyer. The funds for the same were donated by the members of all the GAR allied groups and presented by Mrs. Elizabeth Kahler, a daughter of a Civil War veteran.

To have known Colonel Martin was to love him, and everybody knew him and will always miss him.

And the stately ships go on
To their haven under the hill,
But oh, for the touch of a vanished hand.
And the sound of a voice that is still.

J. S. DUMSER, *Chairman.*
ROBERT M. ROWND.
HIRAM H. SHUMATE.

In Memoriam

GEORGE H. JONES

George H. Jones was born in Oxford, Maine, February 2, 1849; passed away August 21, 1946, in Veterans' Hospital, Togus, Maine.

He enlisted in the Thirty-first Maine Regiment as a musician. For 65 years he was a local druggist at Oxford, Maine, always active in the Grand Army of the Republic and civic organizations in the State and in Oxford County.

He was department commander in 1940 and commander in chief in 1944. He served as adjutant general and quartermaster general in 1942, 1945, and 1946. In 1946 he was again made department commander on the death of Commander George F. Stuart.

Past Commander in Chief Jones was beloved by all in his community, in the department, and at the Veterans' Administration hospital where he spent his latter years.

ROBERT M. ROWND.

JOHN C. ADAMS.

JOHN R. BENNETT.

COMPLETE ROSTER OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

FOUNDED BY DR. BENJAMIN F. STEPHENSON, AT DECATUR, ILL.,
APRIL 6, 1866

BENJAMIN F. STEPHENSON, Illinois
First commander in chief

ROBERT MANN WOOD, Illinois
First adjutant general

JOHN M. SNYDER, Illinois
First quartermaster general

No official records of membership prior to 1878.

FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND.,
NOVEMBER 20, 1866

Headquarters established Springfield, Ill.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> _____	STEPHEN A. HURLBUT, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> _____	JAMES B. MCKEAN, New York.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> _____	ROBERT S. FOSTER, Indiana.
<i>Surgeon general</i> _____	D. C. MCNEIL, Iowa.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> _____	Rev. WILLIAM A. PILE, Missouri.
<i>Adjutant general</i> ¹ _____	BENJAMIN F. STEPHENSON, Illinois.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> _____	AUGUST WILlich, Ohio.

SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PHILADELPHIA, PA.,
JANUARY 15, 1868

Headquarters established Washington, D. C.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> _____	JOHN A. LOGAN, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> _____	JOSHUA T. OWEN, Pennsylvania.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> _____	JOSEPH R. HAWLEY, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> _____	JOHN BELL, Iowa.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> _____	Rev. ALONZO H. QUINT, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> ¹ _____	NORTON P. CHIPMAN, WASHINGTON, D. C.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> _____	T. C. CAMPBELL, Ohio.
<i>Inspector general</i> ¹ _____	EDWARD JARDINE, New Jersey.

¹ By amendment to rules and regulations staff officers are now appointed.

THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CINCINNATI, OHIO, MAY 12, 13, 1869

Headquarters established Washington, D. C.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN A. LOGAN, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LUCIUS FAIRCHILD, Wisconsin.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOSEPH R. HAWLEY, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	S. B. WYLIE MITCHELL, Pennsylvania.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. ALONZO H. QUINT, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> ¹ -----	WILLIAM T. COLLINS, Minnesota.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> ¹ -----	TIMOTHY LUBEY, Washington, D. C.
<i>Inspector general</i> ¹ -----	FRED A. STARRING, Washington, D. C.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	NORTON P. CHIPMAN, Washington, D. C.

FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C., MAY 11, 12, 1870

Headquarters established in Washington, D. C.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN A. LOGAN, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LUCIUS FAIRCHILD, Wisconsin.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LOUIS WAGNER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. SAMUEL A. GREEN, Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. GEORGE W. COLLIER, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	WILLIAM T. COLLINS, Washington, D. C.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	TIMOTHY LUBEY, Washington, D. C.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	FRED A. STARRING, Washington D. C.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	NORTON P. CHIPMAN, Washington, D. C.

FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BOSTON, MASS., MAY 10, 11, 1871

Headquarters established New York City.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	AMBROSE E. BURNSIDE, Rhode Island.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LOUIS WAGNER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES COEY, California.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	CORNELIUS G. ATTWOOD, Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. WILLIAM EARNSHAW, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	WILLIAM CUTTING, New York.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CORNELIUS G. ATTWOOD, Massachusetts.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ROBERT B. BEATH, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CLEVELAND, OHIO, MAY 8, 9, 1872

Headquarters established New York City.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	AMBROSE E. BURNSIDE, Rhode Island.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LOUIS WAGNER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. WARREN KEIFER, Ohio.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. SAMUEL A. GREEN, Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. WILLIAM EARNSHAW, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ROSWELL MILLER, New York.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CORNELIUS G. ATTWOOD, Massachusetts.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	MILAN B. GOODRICH, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

¹ By amendment to rules and regulations staff officers now appointed.

**SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, NEW HAVEN, CONN.,
MAY 14, 15, 1873**

Headquarters established Boston, Mass.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES DEVENS, Massachusetts.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN R. GOEBLE, New Jersey.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	EDWARD FERGUSON, Wisconsin.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	HANS POWELL, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. AUG. WOODBURY, Rhode Island.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	CORNELIUS G. ATTWOOD, Massachusetts.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	A. B. R. SPRAGUE, Massachusetts.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	A. WILSON NORRIS, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocat� general</i> -----	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, HARRISBURG, PA., MAY 13, 1874

Headquarters established Boston, Mass.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES DEVENS, Massachusetts.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	EDWARD JARDINE, New York.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GUY T. GOULD, Illinois.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	HANS POWELL, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. AUG. WOODBURY, Rhode Island.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	HENRY R. SIBLEY, Massachusetts.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	A. B. R. SPRAGUE, Massachusetts.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	W. W. BROWN, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CHICAGO, ILL., MAY 12, 13, 1875

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN F. HARTRANFT, Pennsylvania.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. S. REYNOLDS, Illinois.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES J. BUCKBEE, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JOHN W. FOYE, Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. MYRON W. REED, Wisconsin.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ROBERT B. BEATH, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	W. F. ROGERS, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

TENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PHILADELPHIA, PA., JUNE 30, 1876

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN F. HARTRANFT, Pennsylvania.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. S. REYNOLDS, Illinois.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES J. BUCKBEE, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JAMES L. WATSON, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. Jos. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ROBERT B. BEATH, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspectors general</i> -----	{ W. F. ROGERS, ² New York. MATTHEW HALL, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

² Resigned on being elected department commander of New York.

**ELEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PROVIDENCE, R. I.,
JUNE 26, 27, 1877**

Headquarters established New York City.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN C. ROBINSON, New York.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	ELISHA H. RHODES, Rhode Island.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM EARNSHAW, Ohio.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JAMES L. WATSON, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. Jos. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JAMES L. FARLEY, New York.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	MATTHEW HALL, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM COGSWELL, Massachusetts.

**TWELFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.,
JUNE 4, 1878**

Headquarters established New York City. Membership, 31,016.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN C. ROBINSON, New York.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	PAUL VANDERVOORT, Nebraska.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HERBERT E. HILL, Massachusetts.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JAMES L. WATSON, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. Jos. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JAMES L. FARLEY, New York.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	MATTHEW HALL, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM COGSWELL, Massachusetts.

THIRTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ALBANY, N. Y., JUNE 17, 18, 1879

Headquarters established National Military Home, Ohio. Membership, 44,752.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM EARNSHAW, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN PALMER, New York.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HARRISON DINGMAN, Washington, D. C.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	WILLIAM B. JONES, Pennsylvania.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. Jos. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ISAAC B. STEVENS, Ohio.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	CHARLES W. RAPHUN, Maryland.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM M. BALDWIN, Ohio.

FOURTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DAYTON, OHIO, JUNE 8, 9, 1880

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 60,634.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	LOUIS WAGNER, Pennsylvania
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	EDGAR D. SWAIN, Illinois.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE BOWERS, New Hampshire.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	A. C. HAMLIN, Maine.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. Jos. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ROBERT B. BEATH, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JAMES R. CARNAHAN, Indiana.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	GEORGE B. SQUIRES, New York.

**FIFTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND.,
JUNE 15, 16, 1881**

Headquarters established Boston, Mass. Membership, 85,856.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in Chief</i> -----	GEORGE S. MERRILL, Massachusetts.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES L. YOUNG, Ohio.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	C. V. R. POND, Michigan.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	CHARLES STYER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. Jos. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	WILLIAM M. OLIN, Massachusetts.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JAMES R. CARNAHAN, Indiana.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	GEORGE B. SQUIRES, New York.

**SIXTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BALTIMORE, MD.,
JUNE 21-23, 1882**

Headquarters established Omaha, Nebr. Membership, 134,701.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in Chief</i> -----	PAUL VANDERVOORT, Nebraska.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	W. F. W. ROSS, Maryland.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	I. S. BANGS, Maine.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	AZEL AMES, Jr., Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. I. M. FOSTER, New York.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	F. E. BROWN, Nebraska.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JOHN W. BURST, Illinois.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES R. CARNAHAN, Indiana.

**SEVENTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DENVER, COLO.,
JUNE 25, 26, 1883**

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 225,446.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in Chief</i> -----	ROBERT B. BEATH, Pennsylvania.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM WARNER, Missouri.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WALTER H. HOLMES, California.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	AZEL AMES, Jr., Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. I. M. FOSTER, New York.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN M. VANDERSLICE, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	CHARLES A. SANTMYER, Ohio.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM VANDEVER, Iowa.

**EIGHTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.,
JUNE 23-25, 1884**

Headquarters established Toledo, Ohio. Membership, 273,168.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in Chief</i> -----	JOHN S. KOUNTZ, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN P. REA, Minnesota.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	IRA E. HICKS, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	WILLIAM D. HALL, Pennsylvania.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. T. M. SHANAFELT, Michigan.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	W. W. ALCORN, Ohio.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	OSCAR A. JANES, Michigan.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	D. R. AUSTIN, Ohio.

**NINETEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PORTLAND, MAINE,
JUNE 24, 25, 1885**

Headquarters established Washington, D. C. Membership, 294,787.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	SAMUEL S. BURDETT, Washington, D. C.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	SELDON CONNOR, Maine.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN R. LEWIS, Georgia.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	J. C. TUCKER, California.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. LEMUEL H. STEWART, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN CAMERON, Washington, D. C.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ARGUS D. VANOSDOL, Indiana.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	CHARLES H. GROSVENOR, Ohio.

**TWENTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.,
AUGUST 4-6, 1886**

Headquarters established Madison, Wis. Membership, 323,571.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	LUCIUS FAIRCHILD, Wisconsin.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	SAMUEL W. BACKUS, California.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	EDGAR ALLEN, Virginia.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	AMBROSE S. EVERETT, Colorado.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. T. C. WARNER, Tennessee.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	E. B. GRAY, Wisconsin.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JACOB M. HUNTER, Ohio.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	HENRY E. TAINTOR, Connecticut.

**TWENTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ST. LOUIS, MO.,
SEPTEMBER 28-30, 1887**

Headquarters established Minneapolis, Minn. Membership, 355,916.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN P. REA, Minnesota.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	NELSON COLE, Missouri.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN C. LINEHAN, New Hampshire.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	FLORENCE DONAHOE, Washington D. C.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. EDW. ANDERSON, Connecticut.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	IRA M. HEDGES, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	WHEELOCK G. VEAZEY, Vermont.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	DANIEL FISH, Minnesota.

**TWENTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, COLUMBUS, OHIO,
SEPTEMBER 12-14, 1888**

Headquarters established Kansas City, Mo. Membership, 372,960.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM WARNER, Missouri.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	MOSES H. NEIL, Ohio.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOSEPH HADFIELD, New York.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	R. M. DE WITT, Iowa.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. STEPHEN G. UPDYKE, Dakota.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	EUGENE F. WEIGEL, Missouri.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	GEORGE S. EVANS, Massachusetts.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JOHN B. JOHNSON, Kansas.

**TWENTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, MILWAUKEE, WIS.,
AUGUST 28-30, 1889**

Headquarters established Detroit, Mich. Membership, 397,974.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	RUSSELL A. ALGER, Michigan.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	A. G. WEISSERT, Wisconsin.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN F. LOVETT, New Jersey.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	HORACE P. PORTER, Kansas.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. W. H. CHILDERS, Kentucky.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	GEORGE H. HOPKINS, Michigan.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	LEWIS E. GRIFFITH, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	D. R. AUSTIN, Ohio.

**TWENTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BOSTON, MASS.,
AUGUST 13, 14, 1890**

Headquarters established Rutland, Vt. Membership, 409,489.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	WHEELOCK G. VEAZEY, Vermont.
<i>Senior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ RICHARD F. TOBIN, ³ Massachusetts. GEORGE H. INNIS, Massachusetts.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE B. CREAMER, Maryland.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. MYRON W. REED, Colorado.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	BENJAMIN F. STEVENSON, Kentucky.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOSEPH H. GOULDING, Vermont.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JOHN W. BURST, Illinois.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM LOCHREN, Minnesota.

**TWENTY-FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DETROIT, MICH.,
AUGUST 5-7, 1891**

Headquarters established Albany, N. Y. Membership, 407,781.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN PALMER, New York.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HENRY M. DUFFIELD, Michigan.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	THAD. S. CLARKSON, Nebraska.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	BENJAMIN V. STEVENSON, Kentucky.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. S. B. PAINE, Florida.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	FRED PHISTERER, New York.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JOHN F. PRATT, New Jersey.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JOSEPH H. GOULDING, Vermont.

**TWENTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C.,
SEPTEMBER 21, 22, 1892**

Headquarters established Milwaukee, Wis. Membership, 399,880.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	A. G. WEISSERT, Wisconsin.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	R. H. WARFIELD, California.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	PETER B. AYARS, Delaware.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	W. C. WILE, Connecticut.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. D. R. LOWELL, Kansas.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	E. B. GRAY, Wisconsin.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	GEORGE L. GOODALE, Massachusetts.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES TANNER, New York.

³ Died in office.

**TWENTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND.,
SEPTEMBER 6, 7, 1893**

Headquarters established Lynn, Mass. Membership, 397,223.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN G. B. ADAMS, Massachusetts.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	IVAN N. WALKER, Indiana.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. G. BIGGER, Texas.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	GEORGE R. GRAHAM, Maryland.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. A. V. KENDRICK, Iowa.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JAMES F. MEECH, Massachusetts.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	LOUIS WAGNER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ANDREW M. UNDERHILL, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	LEO RASSIEUR, Missouri.

**TWENTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PITTSBURGH, PA.,
SEPTEMBER 12, 13, 1894**

Headquarters established Rockford, Ill. Membership 369,083.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	THOMAS G. LAWLER, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	A. P. BURCHFIELD, Pennsylvania.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES H. SHUTE, Louisiana.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	O. W. WEEKS, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. T. H. HAGGERTY, Missouri.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	C. C. JONES, Illinois.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN W. BURST, Illinois.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	C. V. R. POND, Michigan.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	MATT H. ELLIS, New York.

**TWENTY-NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, LOUISVILLE, KY.,
SEPTEMBER 11-13, 1895**

Headquarters established Indianapolis, Ind. Membership, 357,639.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	IVAN N. WALKER, Indiana.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	E. H. HOBSON, Kentucky.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	S. G. COSGROVE, Washington.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	J. B. WHITING, Wisconsin.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. THOMAS C. ILIFF, Utah.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	IRVIN ROBBINS, Indiana.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	A. J. BURBANK, Illinois.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	WILLIAM M. OLIN, Massachusetts.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ALFRED DARTE, Pennsylvania.

**THIRTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ST. PAUL, MINN.,
SEPTEMBER 3, 4, 1896**

Headquarters established Omaha, Nebr. Membership, 340,610.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	THAD S. CLARKSON, Nebraska.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN H. MULLEN, Minnesota.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES W. BUCKLEY, Alabama.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	A. E. JOHNSON, Washington, D. C.
<i>Chaplin in chief</i> -----	Rev. MARK B. TAYLOR, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	CHARLES E. BURMESTER, Nebraska.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	A. J. BURBANK, Illinois.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	CHARLES A. SUYDAM, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ALBERT CLARK, Massachusetts.

THIRTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BUFFALO, N. Y., AUGUST 25-27, 1897

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 319,456.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN P. S. GOBIN, Pennsylvania.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	ALFRED LYTH, New York.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	FRANCIS B. ALLEN, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	DAVID MCKAY, Texas.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. FRANK C. BRUNER, Illinois.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	THOMAS J. STEWART, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ALONZO WILLIAMS, Rhode Island.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ELL TORRANCE, Minnesota.

THIRTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CINCINNATI, OHIO, SEPTEMBER 5, 6, 1898

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 305,603.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commanders in chief</i> -----	{ JAMES A. SEXTON, ³ Illinois. W. C. JOHNSON, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ W. C. JOHNSON, Ohio. DANIEL ROSS, Delaware.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	DANIEL ROSS, Delaware.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	A. S. PIERCE, Nebraska.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. DANIEL LUCAS, Indiana.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	THOMAS J. STEWART, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster General</i> -----	FRED W. SPINK, Illinois.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ALONZO WILLIAMS, Rhode Island.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ELL TORRANCE, Minnesota.

THIRTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PHILADELPHIA, PA., SEPTEMBER 6, 7, 1899

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 287,918.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ALBERT D. SHAW, New York.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	IRVIN ROBBINS, Indiana.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	MICHAEL MINTON, Kentucky.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	WILLIAM H. BAKER, Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. JACOB L. GRIMM, Maryland.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	THOMAS J. STEWART, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	EDWARD J. ATKINSON, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	NATHAN P. POND, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ELL TORRANCE, Minnesota.

THIRTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CHICAGO, ILL., AUGUST 29, 30, 1900

Headquarters established St. Louis, Mo. Membership, 276,612.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	LEO RASSIEUR, Missouri.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	E. C. MILLIKEN, Maine.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	FRANK SEAMAN, Tennessee.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JOHN A. WILKINS, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. AUG. DRAHMS, California.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	FRANK M. STERRETT, Missouri.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	HENRY S. PECK, Connecticut.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES H. WOLFF, Massachusetts.

³ Died in office.

THIRTY-FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CLEVELAND, OHIO, SEPTEMBER 12, 13, 1901

Headquarters established Minneapolis, Minn. Membership, 269,507.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ELL TORRANCE, Minnesota.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN McELROY, Washington, D. C.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES O DONNELL, Illinois.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	WILLIAM R. THIRALL, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. THOMAS N. BOYLE, Pennsylvania.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	SILAS H. TOWLER, Minnesota.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	W. A. WETHERBEE, Massachusetts.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	HENRY M. DUFFIELD, Michigan.

THIRTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C., OCTOBER 9, 10, 1902

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 263,745.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	THOMAS J. STEWART, Pennsylvania.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM M. OLIN, Massachusetts.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES P. AVERILL, Georgia.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	A. W. ACHESON, Texas.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. D. B. SHUEY, Kansas.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN W. SCHALL, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	F. A. WALSH, Wisconsin.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ALFRED B. BEERS, Connecticut.

THIRTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF., AUGUST 20, 21, 1903

Headquarters established in Chicago, Ill. Membership, 256,510.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN C. BLACK, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	C. MASON KINNE, California.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HARRY C. KESSLER, Montana.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	GEORGE A. HARMAN, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. WINFIELD SCOTT, Arizona.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	CHARLES A. PARTRIDGE, Illinois.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ERWIN B. MESSER, Iowa.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES TANNER, New York.

THIRTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BOSTON, MASS., AUGUST 17, 18, 1904

Headquarters established Boston, Mass. Membership, 247,340.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commanders in chief</i> -----	{ WILMON W. BLACKMAR, ³ Massachu-
	setts.
<i>Senior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ JOHN R. KING, Maryland.
	{ JOHN R. KING, Maryland.
	{ GEORGE W. PATTEN, Tennessee.
<i>Junior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ GEORGE W. PATTEN, Tennessee.
	{ E. B. STILLINGS, Massachusetts.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	WARREN R. KING, Indiana.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. H. BRADFORD, Washington, D. C.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN E. GILMAN, Massachusetts.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	LEE S. ESTELLE, Nebraska.
<i>Judge advocates general</i> -----	{ AMOS M. THAYER, ³ Missouri.
	{ OSCAR L. MOORE, Kansas.

³ Died in office.

THIRTY-NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DENVER, COLO., SEPTEMBER 7, 8, 1905

Headquarters established Washington, D. C. Membership, 232,455.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES TANNER, New York.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE W. COOK, Colorado.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	SILAS H. TOWLER, Minnesota.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	HUGO PHILLER, Wisconsin.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. F. LEARY, Kansas.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN TWEEDALE, Washington, D. C.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	FRANK BATTLES, New Hampshire.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	M. J. CUMMINGS, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	CHARLES A. CLARK, Iowa.

FORTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., AUGUST 16, 17, 1906

Headquarters established Zanesville, Ohio. Membership, 235,823.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ROBERT B. BROWN, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM H. ARMSTRONG, Indiana.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	E. B. FENTON, Michigan.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	W. H. JOHNSON, Nebraska.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rt. Rev. JOHN IRELAND, Minnesota.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOSEPH W. O'NEALL, Ohio.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	THOMAS W. EVANS, Missouri.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	FRANK L. CAMPBELL, Washington, D. C.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	WARREN LEE GOSS, New Jersey.

FORTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SARATOGA SPRINGS, N. Y., SEPTEMBER 12, 13, 1907

Headquarters established Kansas City, Mo. Membership, 229,932.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES G. BURTON, Missouri.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LEWIS E. GRIFFITH, New York.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	W. M. SCOTT, Georgia.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	G. LANE TANEYHILL, Maryland.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rt. Rev. SAMUEL FALLOWS, Illinois.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JEREMIAH T. DEW, Missouri.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	L. W. COLLINS, Minnesota.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	WARREN LEE GOSS, New Jersey.

FORTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, TOLEDO, OHIO, SEPTEMBER 3, 4, 1908

Headquarters established Jersey City, N. J. Membership, 225,157.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	HENRY M. NEVIUS, New Jersey.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. KENT HAMILTON, Ohio.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES C. ROYCE, California.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	G. LANE TANEYHILL, Maryland.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JOHN F. SPENCE, Tennessee.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	FRANK O. COLE, New Jersey.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	WILLIAM H. HORNADAY, Oklahoma.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ALFRED B. BEERS, Connecticut.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	Rt. Rev. SAMUEL FALLOWS, Illinois.

**FORTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH,
AUGUST 12, 13, 1909**

Headquarters established Minneapolis, Minn. Membership, 220,600.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	SAMUEL R. VAN SANT, Minnesota.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM M. BOSTAPH, Utah.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	ALFRED B. BEERS, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	WILLIAM H. LEMON, Kansas.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. DANIEL RYAN, Indiana.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	GEORGE O. EDDY, Minnesota.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	WILLIAM F. CONNER, Texas.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	RUSSELL R. PEALER, Michigan.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	JOHN B. LEWIS, Massachusetts.

**FORTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.,
SEPTEMBER 22, 23, 1910**

Headquarters established Boston, Mass. Membership, 213,901.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN E. GILMAN, Massachusetts.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM JAMES, Florida.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JOHN L. SMITH, M. D., Washington.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. THOMAS HARWOOD, New Mexico.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	EPHRAIM B. STILLINGS, Massachusetts.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	HENRY Z. OSBORNE, California.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	THOMAS S. HOPKINS, Washington, D. C.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	J. S. HOAGLAND, Nebraska.

**FORTY-FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ROCHESTER, N. Y.,
AUGUST 24, 25, 1911**

Headquarters established Chicago, Ill. Membership, 203,410.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	HARVEY M. TRIMBLE, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	NICHOLAS W. DAY, New York.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM A. OGDEN, Kansas.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. JOHN D. HANRAHAN, Vermont.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. WYNNE JONES, Maryland.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	CHARLES R. E. KOCH, Illinois.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JOHN H. MCCLAY, Nebraska.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM A. KETCHAM, Indiana.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	JOHN B. LEWIS, Massachusetts.

**FORTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, LOS ANGELES, CALIF.,
SEPTEMBER 9-14, 1912**

Headquarters established Bridgeport, Conn. Membership, 191,346.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ALFRED B. BEERS, Connecticut.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HENRY Z. OSBORNE, California.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	AMERICUS WHEDON, Kentucky.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. L. L. WHITTAKER, Texas.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. GEORGE E. LOVEJOY, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	HENRY J. SEELEY, Connecticut.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	J. PAYSON BRADLEY, Massachusetts.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	BENJAMIN F. BRYANT, Wisconsin.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	LEVI LONGFELLOW, Minnesota.

**FORTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CHATTANOOGA, TENN.,
SEPTEMBER 18, 19, 1913**

Headquarters established Detroit, Mich. Membership, 180,227.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	WASHINGTON GARDNER, Michigan.
<i>Senior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	THOMAS H. SOWARD, Oklahoma.
<i>Junior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ WILLIAM L. ROSS, ⁴ Maine.
	{ A. S. FOWLER, Arkansas.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	J. K. WEAVER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. HORACE M. CARR, Kansas.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	OSCAR A. JANES, Michigan.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	LEVI S. WARREN, Michigan.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	P. H. CONEY, Kansas.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	LEVI LONGFELLOW, Minnesota.

**FORTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DETROIT, MICH.,
SEPTEMBER 3, 4, 1914**

Headquarters established at Des Moines, Iowa. Membership, 171,335.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	DAVID J. PALMER, Iowa.
<i>Junior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ JOSEPH B. GRISWOLD, ³ Michigan.
	{ W. F. CONNER, Texas.
<i>Senior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ W. F. CONNER, Texas.
	{ OSCAR A. JANES, Michigan.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	DR. LEWIS S. PILCHER, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. ORVILLE J. NAVE, California.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	GEORGE A. NEWMAN, Iowa.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	CHARLES E. BEACH, Vermont.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	HARRY WHITE, Pennsylvania.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	CYRUS A. BROOKS, Colorado.

**FORTY-NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C.,
SEPTEMBER 30 AND OCTOBER 1, 1915**

Headquarters established at Cincinnati, Ohio. Membership, 159,853.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ELIAS R. MONFORT, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE H. SLAYBAUGH, Washington, D. C.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LE VANT DODGE, Kentucky.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	DR. REUBEN A. ADAMS, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. BENJAMIN F. CLARKSON, Mary- land.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	DR. JOHN M. ADAMS, Ohio.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	PATRICK H. CONEY, Kansas.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM A. KETCHAM, Indiana.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	URIAH SEELY, New Jersey.

³ Died in office.

⁴ Resigned.

FIFTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, KANSAS CITY, MO., AUGUST 28 TO SEPTEMBER 2, 1916

Headquarters established at Pittsburgh, Pa. Members, 140,074.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	W. J. PATTERSON, Pittsburgh, Pa.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM H. WORMSTEAD, Kansas City.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	E. K. RUSS, New Orleans, La.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	WILLIAM M. HANNA, Aurora, Ill.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. O. S. REED, Manzanola, Colo.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	H. H. BENGOUGH, Pittsburgh, Pa.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	CHARLES H. HASKINS, California.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	RAIZEMOND A. PARKER, Michigan.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	URIAH SEELY, New Jersey.

FIFTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BOSTON, MASS., AUGUST 20-25, 1917

Headquarters established at Indianapolis, Ind. Membership, 135,931.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ORLANDO A. SOMERS, Kokomo, Ind.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN L. CLEM, Atlanta, Ga.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN M. VERNON, Chicago, Ill.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JOHN M. ADAMS, Cincinnati, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. C. H. FRADY, Helena, Mont.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ROBERT W. MCBRIDE, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	THOMAS H. BROWN, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	SMITH STIMMEL, Fargo, N. Dak.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	WILLIAM C. CALLAND, Springfield, Mo.

FIFTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PORTLAND, OREG., AUGUST 18-24, 1918

Headquarters established at Lincoln, Nebr. Membership, 120,916.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	CLARENDON E. ADAMS, Omaha, Nebr.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN G. CHAMBERS, Portland, Oreg.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHAS. H. HABER, National Home, Va.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	CHESTER M. FERRIN, Burlington, Vt.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. PHILIP A. NORDELL, Boston, Mass.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ALBERT M. TRIMBLE, Lincoln, Nebr.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	THOMAS S. HOPKINS, Washington, D. C.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	THOMAS H. BROWN, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	GEORGE D. KELLOGG, Newcastle, Calif.

FIFTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, COLUMBUS, OHIO, SEPTEMBER 7-13, 1919

Headquarters established at Brooklyn, N. Y., later removed to Columbus, Ohio. Membership, 110,357.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commanders in chief</i> -----	{ JAMES D. BELL, ¹ Brooklyn, N. Y. DANIEL M. HALL, Columbus, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ DANIEL M. HALL, Columbus, Ohio. CHARLES B. WILSON, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Junior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ CHARLES B. WILSON, Los Angeles, Calif. ISIDORE ISAACS, New York, N. Y.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	STEPHEN I. BROWN, Knox, Ind.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. W. W. GIST, Cedar Falls, Iowa.
<i>Adjutants general</i> -----	{ ISIDORE ISAACS, New York, N. Y. JOSEPH W. O'NEALL, Columbus, Ohio.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM A. KETCHAM, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JAMES C. TAYLOR, Newark, N. J.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	HOSEA W. ROOD, Madison, Wis.

FIFTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND., SEPTEMBER 19-25, 1920

Headquarters established at Indianapolis, Ind. Membership, 103,258.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM A. KETCHAM, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE A. HOSLEY, Boston, Mass.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. E. GANDY, Spokane, Wash.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	C. W. BURRILL, Kansas City, Mo.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM A. BOSWORTH, Wichita, Kans.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	MAHLON D. BUTLER, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	THOMAS S. HOPKINS, Washington, D. C.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	Dr. M. W. WOOD, Boise, Idaho.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	SMITH STIMMEL, Fargo, N. Dak.

FIFTY-FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND., SEPTEMBER 25-29, 1921

Headquarters established at Brooklyn, N. Y. Membership, 93,171.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	Dr. LEWIS S. PILCHER, Brooklyn, N. Y.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	ROBERT W. MCBRIDE, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HENRY A. JOHNSON, Washington, D. C.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. MARSHALL W. WOOD, Boise, Idaho.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. GEORGE B. SMITH, Minneapolis, Minn.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	WILLIAM C. PECKHAM, Brooklyn, N. Y.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	THOMAS S. HOPKINS, Washington, D. C.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	RICHARD A. SABLE, San Francisco, Calif.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	LEVI LONGFELLOW, Minneapolis, Minn.

¹ Died in office.

**FIFTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DES MOINES, IOWA,
SEPTEMBER 24-29, 1922**

Headquarters established at Des Moines, Iowa. Membership, 85,621.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	C. S. BRODBENT, San Antonio, Tex.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CRAVEN V. GARDNER, Rapid City, S. Dak.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	GEORGE TRYON HARDING, M. D., Marion, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. H. EPPLER, Gary, Ind.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN P. RISLEY, Des Moines, Iowa.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ROBERT W. MCBRIDE, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	Dr. MARSHALL W. WOOD, Boise, Idaho.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	JOHN M. WILLIAMS, California, Mo.

**FIFTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, MILWAUKEE, WIS.,
SEPTEMBER 2-8, 1923**

Headquarters established at Van Wert, Ohio. Membership, 76,126.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	GAYLORD M. SALTZGABER, Van Wert, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	FRANK A. WALSH, Milwaukee, Wis.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE T. LEECH, Baltimore, Md.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	C. W. BURRILL, Kansas City, Mo.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	CHARLES L. SHERGUR, Union Springs, N. Y.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ANDREW S. BURT, Van Wert, Ohio.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ROBERT W. MCBRIDE, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	OTTO SHIMANSKY, Sandusky, Ohio.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	CHARLES O. BROWN, Oak Park, Ill.

**FIFTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BOSTON, MASS.,
AUGUST 10-15, 1924**

Headquarters established at Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 65,382.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	LOUIS D. ARENSBERG, Pittsburgh, Pa.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, Boston, Mass.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN REESE, Broken Bow, Nebr.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. JOSEPH E. HALL, Portland, Oreg.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. CHAS. W. BLODGETT, Cincinnati, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	SAMUEL P. TOWN, Philadelphia, Pa.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ROBERT W. MCBRIDE, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	GEORGE T. LEECH, Baltimore, Md.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	LEVI LONGFELLOW, Minneapolis, Minn.

**FIFTY-NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.,
AUGUST 30 TO SEPTEMBER 5, 1925**

Headquarters established at Springfield, Ill. Membership 55,817.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN B. INMAN, Springfield, Ill.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	OSCAR A. JANES, Detroit, Mich.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM O. ALLEN, Newark, N. J.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. JOHN GILBERT, Fall River, Mass.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. WILLIAM P. MCKINLEY, Lebanon, Ind.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	HENRY B. DAVIDSON, Springfield, Ill.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ROBERT W. MCBRIDE, ² Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ISAAC COLE, Maplewood, N. J.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	LEVI LONGFELLOW, Minneapolis, Minn.

**SIXTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DES MOINES, IOWA,
SEPTEMBER 19-25, 1926**

Headquarters established at Milwaukee, Wis. Membership, 47,179.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	FRANK A. WALSH, Milwaukee, Wis.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	A. G. BEATTY, Independence, Iowa.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	C. H. HASKINS, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. C. W. BURRILL, Kansas City, Mo.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. ROBERT H. HILL, Albany, N. Y.
<i>Adjutants general</i> -----	{ CHARLES H. HENRY, ³ Eau Claire, Wis. CHARLES KAYSER, ² Milwaukee, Wis. GEORGE W. MORTON, Berlin, Wis.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	C. D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. G. COCHRAN, Sullivan, Ill.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	FRANK DAGLE, Des Moines, Iowa.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	SMITH STIMMEL, Fargo, N. Dak.

**SIXTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.,
SEPTEMBER 11-16, 1927**

Headquarters established in State Capitol, Sacramento, Calif. Membership, 38,801.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ELBRIDGE L. HAWK, Sacramento, Calif.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CALVIN A. BRAINARD, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	SAMUEL E. MAHAN, St. Paul, Minn.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. HENRY A. JOHNSON, Washington, D. C.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. KING GIBSON, National Military Home, Dayton, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	WILLIAM H. NOLL, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	C. D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JOHN REESE, Broken Bow, Nebr.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	WALTER L. FUNK, Grand Rapids, Mich.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	CHARLES W. BLODGETT, Cincinnati, Ohio.

² Died in office.

³ Resigned.

**SIXTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DENVER, COLO.,
SEPTEMBER 16-21, 1928**

Headquarters were established in Broken Bow, Nebr. Membership, 32,614.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN REESE, Broken Bow, Nebr.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES E. JEWEL, Fort Morgan, Colo.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HENRY J. KEARNEY, New York, N. Y.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. S. W. HOPKINS, Lodi, Calif.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. KING GIBSON, National Military Home, Ohio.
<i>Adjutants general</i> -----	{ THOMAS J. SMITH, ⁴ McCook, Nebr. MELVIN K. HAGADORN, Broken Bow, Nebr.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	W. C. CALLAND, Springfield, Mo.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	CHARLES W. BLODGETT, Cincinnati, Ohio.

**SIXTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PORTLAND, MAINE,
SEPTEMBER 8-13, 1929**

Headquarters established in Worcester, Mass. Membership, 26,219.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	EDWIN J. FOSTER, Worcester, Mass.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	C. E. NASON, Gray, Maine.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. W. SHIELDS, Boise, Idaho.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. EDWARD H. COWAN, Crawfordsville, Ind.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. KING GIBSON, Dayton, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, Newton, Mass.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	WILLIAM H. NOLL, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	C. W. BLODGETT, Cincinnati, Ohio.

**SIXTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CINCINNATI, OHIO,
AUGUST 24-28, 1930**

Headquarters established at Fort Morgan, Colo. Membership, 21,080.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES E. JEWEL, Fort Morgan, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JACOB SECREST, Cincinnati, Ohio.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES H. LEWIS, Pawtucket, R. I.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. EDWARD H. COWAN, Crawfordsville, Ind.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. HENRY HILTON WOOD, Long Beach, Calif.
<i>Adjutants general</i> -----	{ DAVID N. HEIZER, ⁴ Colorado Springs, Colo. ABRAHAM L. EMIGH, Fort Morgan, Colo.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	{ COLA D. R. STOWITS, ³ Buffalo, N. Y. EDWARD HURLEY, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	SAMUEL M. HENCH, Fort Wayne, Ind.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	WILLIAM H. NOLL, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	ROBERT W. HILL, Albany, N. Y.

³ Died in office.

⁴ Resigned.

SIXTY-FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DES MOINES, IOWA, SEPTEMBER 13-18, 1931

Headquarters established at Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 16,578.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	SAMUEL P. TOWN, Philadelphia, Pa.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	OLEY NELSON, Slater, Iowa.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	RUSSELL C. MARTIN, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. SAMUEL A. CAMPBELL, Mattoon, Ill.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JESSE B. BARTLEY, Omaha, Nebr.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	WASHINGTON F. HAMBRIGHT, Lancaster, Pa.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	EDWARD HURLEY, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JOHN REESE, Broken Bow, Nebr.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	IRA R. WILDMAN, Danbury, Conn.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	JOHN F. PICKERILL, Seattle, Wash.

SIXTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SPRINGFIELD, ILL., SEPTEMBER 18-24, 1932

Headquarters established at Chicago, Ill. Membership, 13,066.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commanders in chief</i> -----	{ WILLIAM P. WRIGHT, ³ Chicago, Ill. RUSSELL C. MARTIN, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Senior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ RUSSELL C. MARTIN, Los Angeles, Calif. CHARLES E. JONES, Tuscaloosa, Ala.
<i>Junior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ CHARLES E. JONES, Tuscaloosa, Ala. ARTHUR DAWSON, Oak Park, Ill.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. EDWARD H. COWAN, Crawfordsville, Ind.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. KING GIBSON, Dayton, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	CALVIN A. BRAINARD, Waukegan, Ill.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	SAMUEL P. TOWN, Philadelphia, Pa.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	EMMET F. TAGGART, Akron, Ohio.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	HENRY B. DAVIDSON, Springfield, Ill.

SIXTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ST. PAUL, MINN., SEPTEMBER 17-22, 1933

Headquarters established at Los Angeles, Calif. Membership, 10,138.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	RUSSELL C. MARTIN, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Senior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ THOMAS H. PEACON, ³ Minneapolis, Minn. EDWIN H. LINCOLN, Pittsfield, Mass.
<i>Junior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ EDWIN H. LINCOLN, Pittsfield, Mass. JOHN E. ANDREW, Quincy, Ill.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. A. B. GARRETT, Gallipolis, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. KING GIBSON, Dayton, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	DARWIN B. WOLCOTT, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	SAMUEL P. TOWN, Philadelphia, Pa.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	T. M. KELLOGG, Portland, Oreg.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	J. S. DUMSER, Oakland, Calif.

³ Died in office.

**SIXTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ROCHESTER, N. Y.,
AUGUST 12-18, 1934**

Headquarters established at Syracuse, N. Y. Membership, 7,807.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ALFRED E. STACEY, Elbridge, N. Y.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HARDING I. MERRILL, Wichita, Kans.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE H. POUNDER, Fort Atkinson, Wis.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. EDWARD H. COWAN, Crawfords- ville, Ind.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. KING GIBSON, Dayton, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	CALVIN A. BRAINARD, Jackson, Mich.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	SAMUEL P. TOWN, Philadelphia, Pa.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	M. H. DAVIDSON, Louisville, Ky.
<i>National patriotic instructors</i> -----	{ HENRY B. DAVIDSON, ³ Springfield, Ill. C. PERRY LOMAX, ³ Lincoln, Nebr.

**SIXTY-NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.,
SEPTEMBER 8-14, 1935**

Headquarters established at Des Moines, Iowa. Membership, 6,244.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	OLEY NELSON, Slater, Iowa.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	A. C. ESTABROOK, Grand Rapids, Mich.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	OVERTON H. MENNET, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. A. B. GARRETT, Gallipolis, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. KING GIBSON, Dayton, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN P. RISLEY, Des Moines, Iowa.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	SAMUEL P. TOWN, Philadelphia, Pa.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JAMES C. THOMAS, Chicago, Ill.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	WILLIAM F. DORSEY, Washington, D. C.

**SEVENTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C.,
SEPTEMBER 20-26, 1936**

Headquarters established at Pittsburgh, Pa. Membership, 4,391.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	C. H. WILLIAM RUHE, Pittsburgh, Pa.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HENRY F. RUSSELL, Alliance, Ohio.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	THOMAS AMBROSE, Chicago, Ill.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. EDWARD H. COWAN, Crawfordsville, Ind.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. KING GIBSON, Dayton, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	{ JOHN LITTLE, ³ Pittsburgh, Pa. GEORGE SANDS, Pittsburgh, Pa.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	{ SAMUEL P. TOWN, ³ Philadelphia, Pa. SAMUEL S. FOWLER, Philadelphia, Pa.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ROBERT M. ROWND, Ripley, N. Y.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	J. W. CARROLL, Lisbon, N. Dak.

³ Died in office.

**SEVENTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, MADISON, WIS.,
SEPTEMBER 5-10, 1937**

Headquarters established at Los Angeles, Calif. Membership, 3,325.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	OVERTON H. MENNET, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HENRY HELD, West Allis, Wis.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	ROBERT M. ROWND, Ripley, N. Y.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	DR. EDWARD H. COWAN, Crawfordsville, Ind.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. MARTIN V. STONE, Jamestown, N. Y.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	RUSSELL C. MARTIN, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	SAMUEL S. FOWLER, Philadelphia, Pa.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	R. H. HOFFMAN, Denver, Colo.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	RUSTAN O. REED, Seattle, Wash.

**SEVENTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DES MOINES, IOWA,
SEPTEMBER 4-9, 1938**

Headquarters established at Ripley, N. Y. Membership, 2,443.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ROBERT M. ROWND, Ripley, N. Y.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	FRANK L. QUADE, Dubuque, Iowa.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN W. CARROLL, Lisbon, N. Dak.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	{ Dr. A. B. GARRETT, ³ Gallipolis, Ohio. Dr. EDWARD H. COWAN, Crawfordsville, Ind.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JOSHUA C. PEARCE, Denver, Colo.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	{ MARTIN V. STONE, ³ Jamestown, N. Y. JOSIAH C. READ, ³ New York, N. Y. GEORGE SANDS, Pittsburgh, Pa.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	{ EDWIN H. LINCOLN, ³ Pittsfield, Mass. JOHN E. ANDREW, Quincy, Ill.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	THOMAS AMBROSE, Chicago, Ill.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	TRUMAN N. PARSONS, Stratford, Conn.

**SEVENTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PITTSBURGH, PA.,
AUGUST 27 TO SEPTEMBER 1, 1939**

Headquarters established at Springfield, Ill. Membership, 1,701.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	{ JOHN E. ANDREW, ³ Quincy, Ill. A. T. ANDERSON, Washington, Pa.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	{ A. T. ANDERSON, Washington, Pa. W. W. NIXON, Jewell, Kans.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	{ W. W. NIXON, Jewell, Kans. WILLIAM H. MCCOY, Trenton, N. J.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	DR. EDWARD H. COWAN, Crawfordsville, Ind.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JOSHUA C. PEARCE, Denver, Colo.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	THOMAS AMBROSE, Chicago, Ill.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	M. H. DAVIDSON, ³ Louisville, Ky.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	{ JAMES W. WILLETT, ³ Tama, Iowa. T. J. NOLL, Des Moines, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	O. S. PIERCE, Minneapolis, Minn.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	Dr. JOHN H. STONE, Kokomo, Ind.

³ Died in office.

SEVENTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SPRINGFIELD, ILL., SEPTEMBER 8-13, 1940

Headquarters established at Topeka, Kans. Membership, 1,039.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	W. W. NIXON, Jewell, Kans.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	THOMAS AMBROSE, Chicago, Ill.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	RUSTAN O. REED, Seattle, Wash.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. EDWARD H. COWAN, Crawfordsville, Ind.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JOSHUA C. PEARCE, Denver, Colo.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	RUSSELL C. MARTIN, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	{ A. C. EASTABROOK, ³ Grand Rapids, Mich. J. A. HAMILTON, Lansing, Mich.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	THOMAS J. NOLL, Des Moines, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JOSEPH B. HENNINGER, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	{ ASA O. GERE, ³ Stafford, Kans. T. A. PENLAND, Portland, Oreg.

SEVENTY-FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, COLUMBUS, OHIO, SEPTEMBER 14-19, 1941

Headquarters established at Springfield, Ill. Membership, 763.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE A. GAY, Nashua, N. H.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	THOMAS RIDENOUR, Crestline, Ohio.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN S. DUMSER, Oakland, Calif.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. EDWARD H. COWAN, Crawfords- ville, Ind.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JOSHUA C. PEARCE, Denver, Colo.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	RUSSELL C. MARTIN, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	J. A. HAMILTON, Lansing, Mich.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	THOMAS J. NOLL, Des Moines, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	LEWIS H. EASTERLY, Gunnison, Colo.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	{ GEORGE W. GREEN, ³ Jamaica Plain, Mass. JOHN E. BRONSON, East Dedham, Mass.

SEVENTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND., SEPTEMBER 13-18, 1942

Headquarters established at Oakland, Calif. Membership, 518.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN S. DUMSER, Oakland, Calif.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	ISAAC W. SHARP, Warsaw, Ind.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES H. PERRY, Minneapolis, Minn.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	THOMAS RIDENOUR, Crestline, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	ROBERT M. ROWND, Ripley, N. Y.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	RUSSELL C. MARTIN, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	EUGENE OWEN, Grand Rapids, Mich.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	THOMAS J. NOLL, Des Moines, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	HIRAM H. SHUMATE, Riverton, Ill.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	WILLIAM H. OSBORN, Joplin, Mo.

³ Died in office.

**SEVENTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, MILWAUKEE, WIS.,
SEPTEMBER 19-24, 1943**

Headquarters established at Augusta, Maine; later moved to Portland, Maine. Membership, 393.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE H. JONES, Oxford, Maine.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LANSING A. WILCOX, Cadott, Wis.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HIRAM H. SHUMATE, Riverton, Ill.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	THOMAS RIDENOUR, Crestline, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	ROBERT M. ROWND, Ripley, N. Y.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	RUSSELL C. MARTIN, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	{ EUGENE OWEN, ³ Grand Rapids, Mich. WILLIAM H. FERGUSON, Kent City, Mich.
<i>Judge Advocate General</i> -----	WILLIAM W. NIXON, ³ Jewell, Kans.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JOHN M. GUDGEL, Shenandoah, Iowa.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	LOUIS E. QUINT, Minneapolis, Minn.

**SEVENTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DES MOINES, IOWA,
SEPTEMBER 10-15, 1944⁵**

Headquarters established at Warsaw, Ind. Membership, 249.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ISAAC W. SHARP, Warsaw, Ind.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN M. GUDGEL, Shenandoah, Iowa.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HIRAM R. GALE, Seattle, Wash.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	{ MARTIN J. WARNER, ³ Grand Rapids, Mich. ROBERT M. ROWND, Ripley, N. Y.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	RUSSELL C. MARTIN, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	{ WILLIAM H. FERGUSON, ³ Kent City, Mich. JOHN C. ADAMS, Jonesboro, Ind.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	THEODORE A. PENLAND, Portland, Oreg.

**SEVENTY-NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, COLUMBUS, OHIO,
SEPTEMBER 30-OCTOBER 4, 1945**

Headquarters established in Seattle, Wash. Membership, 163.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	HIRAM R. GALE, Seattle, Wash.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN H. GRATE, Atwater, Ohio.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	THEODORE A. PENLAND, Portland, Oreg.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	ROBERT M. ROWND, Ripley, N. Y.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	{ RUSSELL C. MARTIN, ³ Los Angeles, Calif. ISAAC W. SHARP, Warsaw, Ind.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN C. ADAMS, Jonesboro, Ind.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	ORLANDO LE VALLEY, Caro, Mich.
<i>Chief of staff</i> -----	JOHN S. DUMSER, Oakland, Calif.

³ Died in office.

⁵ Offices of Surgeon General, Judge Advocate General, and Inspector General abolished.

EIGHTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND., AUGUST
25 TO 30, 1946

Headquarters established Jamestown, N. Y. Membership 103.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN H. GRATE, Atwater, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	THEODORE A. PENLAND, Portland, Oreg.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	ORLANDO LEVALLEY, Caro, Mich.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	ROBERT M. ROWND, Ripley, N. Y.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN S. DUMSER, Oakland, Calif.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN C. ADAMS, Jonesboro, Ind.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	ALBERT WOOLSON, Duluth, Minn.
<i>Chief of staff</i> -----	HIRAM H. SHUMATE, Riverton, Ill.

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